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DRAW DOWN



President Barack Obama delivers a televised address from the East Room of the White House in Washington, Wednesday, June 22, 2011 on his plan to drawdown U.S. troops in Afghanistan.

(AP Photo/Pablo Martinez Monsivais)

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WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama declared Wednesday that the United States had largely achieved its goals in Afghanistan, setting in motion a timetable for the rapid withdrawal of U.S. troops in an acknowledgment of the shifting threat in the region and fast-changing political and economic landscape in a war-weary America. Asserting that the country that served as a launching pad for the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks no longer represented a terrorist threat to the United States, Obama declared that the “tide of war is receding.” And in a blunt acknowledgment of domestic economic strains, he said, “America, it is time to focus on nation-building here at home.”

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As Belgian Freestyle maestro Steven Van Broeckhoven tops the men; Aruban Sarah-Quita reigns as Freestyle Queen



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1st Sarah-Quita Offringa (center), 2nd Laure Treboux (left), 3rd Xenia Kessler (right).



1st Steven Van Broeckhoven (Left), 2nd Kiri Thode (center), 3rd Jose Estredo (right).

~ Photos by John Carter

By Ed Sinclair

2011 Aruba Grand Slam
DAY 4:

FISHERMAN'S HUTS - Belgian Freestyle Maestro, Steven Van Broeckhoven and Caribbean Queen, Sarah-Quita Offringa blow the competition out of the water to secure their places at the top of the Freestyle rankings in Aruba.

The fourth day in Aruba marked the final day of competition for the PWA freestyle elite.

Having completed the single elimination on Tuesday, the ensuing double elimination determined the event standings, and crown the competition winners.

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Obama orders rapid troop cuts in Afghanistan

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Obama announced plans to withdraw 10,000 troops from Afghanistan by the end of this year. The remaining 20,000 troops from the 2009 "surge" of forces would leave by next summer, amounting to about a third of the 100,000 troops now in the country. He said the troop reductions would continue "at a steady pace," bringing to an end America's longest war – a conflict that has cost 1,500 American lives.

counterterrorism operations of the kind that killed Osama bin Laden, which the president cited as Exhibit A in the case for a substantial U.S. troop reduction.

"We are starting this draw-down from a position of strength," Obama said in a somber, 12-minute address delivered from the East Room of the White House. "Al-Qaida is under more pressure than at any time since 9/11." He said that an intense campaign of drone strikes and other covert operations in Pakistan had crippled al-Qaida's original

said. "We will not police its streets or patrol its mountains indefinitely. That is the responsibility of the Afghan government."

Obama's decision is a victory for Vice President Joe Biden, who has long argued for curtailing the military engagement in Afghanistan. The president signaled that the days of the United States responding to terrorist attacks with massive force were over, and indicated a willingness to move toward more focused clandestine operations of the type that the United States



Returning to the U.S. for a two-week leave from combat duty in Afghanistan, Army Staff Sgt. Gilberto Serrano, of San Antonio, Texas, smiles as he is greeted by volunteers from "Welcome Home A Hero" program at Dallas-Fort Worth International airport in Grapevine, Texas, Wednesday, June 22, 2011. President Barack Obama delivered a televised address from the East Room of the White House in Washington, Wednesday, June 22, 2011 on his plan to drawdown U.S. troops in Afghanistan.

(AP Photo/LM Otero)

The troop reductions, which came after a short but fierce internal debate, are both deeper and faster than the recommendations made by Obama's military commanders, and they come as the president faces relentless budget pressures, an increasingly restive Congress and U.S. public and a re-election campaign next year. The withdrawals would mark the start of a winding down of the military's counterinsurgency strategy, which Obama adopted 18 months ago. Most U.S. forces are expected to leave Afghanistan by 2014. Administration officials indicated that they now planned to place more emphasis on smaller, focused

network in the region, leaving its leaders either dead or pinned down in the rugged border between Pakistan and Afghanistan. Of 30 top al-Qaida leaders identified by U.S. intelligence, 20 have been killed in the last year and a half, administration officials said. But the withdrawal of the entire surge force by the end of next summer will significantly change the way that the United States wages war in Afghanistan, analysts said, suggesting that the administration may have concluded it can no longer achieve its loftiest ambitions there. Obama acknowledged as much in his remarks. "We will not try to make Afghanistan a perfect place," he

is conducting in Pakistan, Yemen, and elsewhere. "When threatened, we must respond with force," he said. "But when that force can be targeted, we need not deploy large armies overseas." The pace of the withdrawal is a setback for his top commander in Afghanistan, Gen. David H. Petraeus, who has been named director of the CIA. Petraeus, who helped write the Army's field manual on counterinsurgency policy, did not endorse the decision, said another official, though both Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates and Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton both accepted it with reservations. □

Galliano trial underlines fashion sector pressures



Former Dior designer John Galliano arrives at the Paris court house, Wednesday June 22, 2011, charged with hurling anti-Semitic slurs in a Paris cafe - allegations that shocked the fashion world and cost him his job at the renowned French high-fashion house. Galliano could face up to six months in prison and 22,500 euro (\$32,175) in fines. The verdict is expected at a later date. (AP Photo/Thibault Camus)

JENNY BARCHFIELD
Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — Though the flamboyant former Dior designer John Galliano was the one on the stand, it was the multi-billion-dollar

luxury industry that seemed to be on trial Wednesday in Paris as the disgraced designer blamed the sector's skyrocketing pressures for his unraveling.

Galliano is on trial for allegedly spewing anti-Semitic and racist remarks at strangers at a Paris cafe in two separate incidents. Facing charges of "public insults based on origin, religious affiliation, race or ethnicity" he could face up to six months in prison and up to €22,500 (\$32,175) in fines.

The prosecutors asked Wednesday for a fine of no less than €10,000 (\$14,400), but did not ask for jail time. A verdict is due Sept. 8.

In emotional testimony, the soft-spoken designer insisted he doesn't remember having made any anti-Semitic or racist rants, but acknowledged he was lost to alcohol and drug addictions when the alleged incidents took place, in February and late last year.

The 50-year-old designer has tangled with addiction before, but the latest bout started in 2007, as the global financial crisis forced labels to fight for their very lives. □

Senate Republicans ponder marriage vote as clock ticks

DANNY HAKIM
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ALBANY, N.Y. — With the legislative clock ticking down to its final hours, the Republicans who control the State Senate still have not decided whether to allow a vote on same-sex marriage.

A vast majority of the 32 Senate Republicans oppose same-sex marriage. But at least a couple of them support the measure, and the Republican caucus is under enormous pressure from Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo, Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg of New York and gay-rights groups to permit a vote on the issue.

Many lawmakers and staff members have said publicly and privately that they believe the issue would probably pass the Senate if it were put to a vote. There are already 31 declared votes in favor of same-sex marriage – 29 of the 30 Democrats, and two of the Republicans – and several Republicans have acknowledged they are undecided. The state assembly passed the marriage bill last week. Republican senators, who say they are trying to operate by consensus, have spent hours discussing their feelings about marriage, and about homosexuality, over the past week. Some of the Republicans are morally opposed to same-sex marriage; some are open to it but concerned about the political implications for themselves and their party; some say they are worried about the repercussions for socially conservative religious organizations; and some argue that the issue should be decided by popular referendum, not legislation. □



Republican presidential candidate, former Utah Gov. Jon Huntsman, right, speaks with employee at TEC Infra-Red Grills, during a tour of their facility in Columbia, S.C., Wednesday, June 22, 2011.

(AP Photo/Brett Flashnick)

Huntsman considers his next political act

JIM RUTENBERG
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COLUMBIA, S.C. — The flags on the podium were fluttering as if powered by fans for a photo shoot, and the waters of New York Harbor were glimmering at the foot of the Statue of Liberty, a perfect stage set awaiting former Gov. Jon M. Huntsman's presidential announcement.

As the crowd — equal parts media and supporters — gathered Tuesday, a slightly intrigued maintenance man asked a guest in the Liberty State Park bathroom: "Who is this guy? Utah, right?"

In Exeter, N.H., later that day, Leona Nelson, a semiretired police and fire dispatcher who went to hear Huntsman speak acknowledged, "I didn't know anything about him when he came in today." She added that she liked what she had heard. Huntsman, who continued his introductory tour in South Carolina on Wednesday, has wowed the insatiable political media, scoring glossy magazine coverage and ample television and Internet buzz as a fresh new face on the campaign trail.

But he remains little known to most Americans. And now comes the hard part.

In the critical weeks ahead, Huntsman, until May President Barack Obama's ambassador to China, will have to prove he is a real contender who is not heading for the same fate that befell fresh new faces of primaries past, including Gen. Wesley K. Clark, who ran as a Democrat in 2004, and Fred Thompson, the former senator and actor who ran as a Republican in 2008.

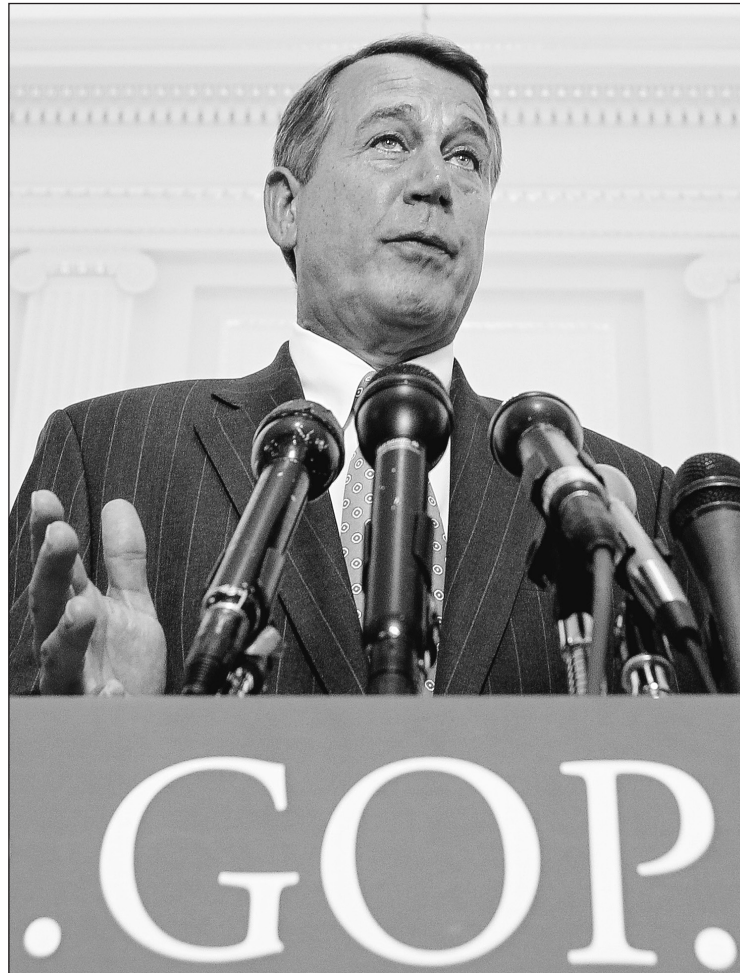
For the wandering eye of the political media and some party strategists, Huntsman is the candidate du jour, just as Sarah Palin was yesterday, Donald Trump was the day before that and Gov. Rick Perry of Texas may be tomorrow, if he steps closer toward a run.

This fickleness is evidence that the party has yet to coalesce around former Gov. Mitt Romney of Massachusetts, the presumed frontrunner.

But with attention focused elsewhere, Romney is steadily raising a lot of money and building his organization. As Huntsman rolled out his candidacy, Romney's campaign was sending out a steady stream of announcements about the construction of its nationwide vote-getting machine: a steering committee in Idaho and new slates of supportive elected officials in Colorado and Michigan.

It was hardly the stuff of national news. But winning party nominations requires that kind of state-by-state effort, aimed at drawing in voters who might not read Esquire magazine, The New York Times or Politico. □

Boehner says Obama lacks House support for Libya



Speaker of the House John Boehner, R-Ohio, assails President Obama following a GOP political strategy session on Capitol Hill in Washington. Setting up a showdown on Libya, House Republicans agreed on Wednesday to vote on dueling measures, one to give President Barack Obama limited authority to continue U.S. involvement in the NATO-led operation against Moammar Gadhafi and the other to cut off funds for military hostilities.

(AP Photo/J. Scott Applewhite)

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Associated Press

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volvement in the NATO-led operation against Moammar Gadhafi and the other to cut off funds for military hostilities. Officials said the measures — a resolution and a bill — most likely would come to a vote Friday, a timetable that reflects widespread dissat-

isfaction with Obama's decision not to seek congressional consent for the 3-month-old war.

"The fact is the president has not made his case to the members of Congress," House Speaker John Boehner told reporters.

"He's not made his case to the American people. We've been in this conflict for 90 days, and the president hasn't talked to the American people for four or five weeks about why we're there, what our national interest is and why we should continue."

Emerging from a closed-door meeting on the resolution and the competing legislation, rank-and-file Republicans indicated a growing consensus for the bill, which would bar funds for Libya except for money spent this year on search and rescue, aerial refueling, operational planning, intelligence and surveillance and non-combat missions.

This was a direct response to Obama's claim that the action does not amount to full-blown hostilities and did not need congressional approval.

"It would not have funding for hostilities. Drones couldn't be used for bombing," said Rep. Howard "Buck" McKeon, a California Republican who chairs the House Armed Services Committee.

The Libyan war has exposed deep divisions in Congress and within the Republican Party ranks. □

Palin shoots down reports she's canceling her bus tour

BECKY BOHRER, Associated Press

JUNEAU, Alaska — Sarah Palin is disputing online reports that she has canceled her bus tour of historic American sites, saying in a Facebook posting that her schedule will be tight the next few weeks because she's been called for jury duty.

Palin said Wednesday that her "One Nation" bus tour would resume "when the time comes." She added that she's looking forward "to hitting the open road again."

The 2008 vice presidential candidate traveled from Washington, D.C. to New England by bus in May in a trip that generated intense interest and fueled speculation about her national ambitions. Palin is among the top tier of potential 2012 presidential candidates in polls of Republican voters.

She has said she plans to visit Iowa, where the state's caucuses begin the nominating season next year. □

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Man linked to DC-area shootings in 2010

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Marine reservist who was detained during a security scare near the Pentagon last week has been linked to the shootings last year at the Marine Corps museum in Quantico and several D.C.-area military recruitment stations, officials said Wednesday. Ballistics evidence appears to link Yonathan Melaku, 22, to the shootings, one official said. The two officials spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the investigation is ongoing.

Melaku is being held without bail on unrelated larceny charges involving car break-ins that happened after the shootings. He has not been charged in last week's incident or the



This photo released by the Leesburg, (Va.) Police Department shows Yonathan Melaku, 22, of Alexandria, Va., after his May 2011 arrest in Loudoun County, Va., charged with four counts of grand larceny. Melaku who was detained during a security scare near the Pentagon last week has been linked to the shootings last year at the Marine Corps museum in Quantico and several D.C.-area military recruitment stations, officials said Wednesday.

(AP Photo/Leesburg Police Department)

building shootings.

Melaku, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Ethiopia, was detained Friday after he was spotted carrying a suspicious backpack near the Pentagon containing what initially was feared to be bomb-making material. Authorities later said the suspicious items were not explosive. Melaku also had a notebook with the words "al-Qaida" and "Taliban Rules" written inside, one of the officials has said. The context of the words was not immediately clear, but another law enforcement official has said Melaku is not believed to have any links to al-Qaida or any other terrorist organization.

The shootings last year, all done with the same gun, did not injure anyone. The Marine Corps museum was targeted twice. Two windows were shot out at the Pentagon, and a Marine Corps recruiting station in outside Washington was also targeted.

At the time, FBI officials suspected that the shooter had some sort of gripe against the Marine Corps. Peter Carr, a spokesman for the U.S. attorney in the eastern District of Virginia, declined comment except to say that Melaku remains under investigation following last week's incident. FBI spokesman Andrew Ames also declined comment. Melaku has a status hearing Thursday on the grand larceny charges that accuse him in a spate of car break-ins and vandalism in Leesburg. He was arraigned in early June, and released on bail. After the Pentagon scare, more charges were added and he was held without bail. The shootings started Oct. 17 at National Museum of the Marine Corps in Triangle, south of Washington. Days later, the Pentagon was hit. Then, the shooter targeted a Marine Corps recruiting station in Chantilly before again firing on the museum. □

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U.S. pastor found guilty of marrying gay couples

DINESH RAMDE

Associated Press

MILWAUKEE (AP) —

Meth-
odist pastors who have
defied a church ban on
marrying gays were dealt a
setback Wednesday when
clergy members hearing a
church trial found a col-
league guilty of marrying a
lesbian couple in 2009.

The 13-person jury of cler-
gy members unanimously
convicted the Rev. Amy
DeLong. They found the
44-year-old not guilty of a
second charge of being a
"self-avowed practicing
homosexual." That vote
was 12-1. After the verdicts
were announced, church
officials heard a second
round of testimony to help
jurors recommend a pen-
alty that could range from
suspension to defrocking.
Their decision was expect-
ed to be announced Thurs-
day morning. The Rev. Tom
Lambrecht, the pastor who
conducted the prosecu-
tion, called the conviction
"a just verdict."

"Speaking personally and
not as counsel for the
church, I think the Scrip-
ture is clear on how we're
called to exercise the gift
of human sexuality," he
said. "The church is quite
consistent that we exercise
that gift in the covenant of
marriage between a man
and a woman."

Efforts to reach DeLong by
phone were not immedi-
ately successful. □

Self-help guru guilty in sweat lodge deaths

MARC LACEY

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PHOENIX — A jury found
James A. Ray, a self-help
guru, guilty Wednesday of
negligent homicide in the
deaths of three of his fol-
lowers during a botched
sweat lodge ceremony
near Sedona in October
2009.

The decision, delivered af-
ter a nearly four-month trial
in Yavapai County Superior
Court in Camp Verde, Ariz.,
means Ray was found to
have caused the deaths of
Kirby Brown, 38, of West-
town, N.Y.; James Shore,
40, of Milwaukee; and Liz
Neuman, 49, of Prior Lake,
Minn., but did not neces-
sarily recognize the risk he
put them in.

He could face anywhere
from probation to more
than 30 years in prison on
the three guilty counts as
court proceedings contin-
ue next week.

The prosecutor, Sheila Polk,
had pursued a more seri-
ous charge of manslaughter,
arguing that Ray should
have known that the way
he ran the two-hour-long
ceremony, in which hot
stones were piled in the
center of the sweltering
lodge, risked death and
that he disregarded that
risk.

The case drew interna-
tional attention, largely
because of the bizarre cir-
cumstances and because
the deaths took place at
a pristine campground
within sight of the red rocks
of Sedona, a well-known
New Age gathering place.

A motivational speaker

and author, Ray seemed
to breathe a sigh of re-
lief when he was found

not guilty on the first man-
slaughter charge. But he
looked stunned a moment



James Arthur Ray leaves Yavapai County Superior Court on a lunch break Wednesday, June 22, 2011 in Campe Verde, Ariz. Ray was convicted of negligent manslaughter in the deaths of three people following an October 2009 sweat lodge ceremony that he led near Sedona.

(AP Photo/Matt York)

later when the guilty ver-
dicts came in. Watching
the verdict were relatives
of Ray as well as fam-
ily members and friends of
the victims, many of them
holding hands as the deci-
sion was read.

After the verdicts, Polk
asked Judge Warren R.
Darrow to order Ray into
custody, but Darrow ruled
against the motion.

Polk had painted Ray as
a reckless man who con-
tinued his ceremony, the
culmination of a five-day
"Spiritual Warrior" semi-
nar that cost as much as
\$10,000 a person, without
regard for the participants
who were falling ill and slip-
ping into unconsciousness.
The defense said the three
victims were not coerced
by Ray and may have
died from unknown tox-
ins in the sweat lodge, a
round wood-frame struc-
ture covered with blan-
kets and tarps. Besides the
three deaths, numerous
other participants were in-
jured during the ceremony,
which was designed to
push people to conquer
their limitations. All had
signed waivers warning
that death was among the
risks, Ray's lawyers noted.

"You will have to get to a
point to where you surren-
der and it's OK to die," Ray
said in a recording during
the ceremony that was
played at the trial.

After he spoke, a chaotic
scene took place, accord-
ing to witnesses at the trial,
who described severely ill
people being dragged out
of the lodge. □

Arrest made in 4 pharmacy killings

FRANK ELTMAN
Associated Press

MEDFORD, N.Y. — A 33-year-old man described by neighbors as polite and friendly was arrested Wednesday in connection with the deaths of four people who were shot at a New York pharmacy during a robbery for painkillers. David Laffer, whose marriage proposal a few years ago to his then-girlfriend at a New York Islanders hockey game was shown on large TV screens, was led out of his brown and yellow ranch-style home in handcuffs as neighbors watched. He was arrested on charges of first-degree murder and resisting arrest, according to Suffolk County Police. He was being held overnight at the Fifth Precinct and was scheduled for arraignment Thursday, police said. Laffer said nothing as he was led from police headquarters and was later briefly hospitalized. Officials refused to comment on his condition. His arrest capped a massive manhunt for the suspect, who was captured on surveillance footage as a tall, gaunt, bearded man



David Laffer, a suspect in the shooting deaths of four people at a pharmacy during a botched weekend painkiller robbery, center, is escorted out of Suffolk County Police Headquarters on Wednesday, June 22, 2011, in Yaphank, N.Y.

(AP Photo/Kathy Kmonicek)

wearing glasses, a white baseball cap and a hooded sweatshirt. The gunman was bent on stealing painkillers, officials said. The victims were shot at close range. About 30 to 40 officers converged on Laffer's Long Island home before he was brought out, said Peter Spano, who was working on the lawn next door. Laffer's wife, Melinda Brady, 29, also was led away. She was arrested on charges of robbery and obstructing governmental administration. Police said she was being held overnight and also

is to be arraigned Thursday. Spano said the thin, "distracted" man resembled the man in the surveillance photos, except without a beard. Friends and neighbors described Laffer as polite and said that if he had a drug problem, they did not see it. He lived at his family's home in Medford with his wife and his mother, Pam. According to their wedding announcement, Laffer and Brady Laffer met while they were out to dinner with mutual friends, and he proposed to her at an Islanders game. □

Military veteran faces deportation

SUSANNAH NESMITH
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MIAMI — A veteran of both the Army and the Navy who served with distinction in Iraq and at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, has spent the past month in federal lockup here because the government wants to deport him. Not only did he lie on a passport application, prosecutors say, but he was never even a citizen. But a lawyer for the man, Elisha L. Dawkins, 26, has a different story, one that begins with Dawkins' arrival here from the Bahamas as an infant. He was raised to believe he was a citizen, his lawyer contends, something that state and federal authorities did not challenge during his seven years in the military. It is unclear why Dawkins was indicted in March, five years after receiving his passport and when he was still in the Navy. "The military believes he's an American citizen," the lawyer, Clark Mervis, told Judge Cecilia M. Altonaga of U.S. District Court here last week, noting that Dawkins had "secret" security clearance when he served in Guantanamo. Dawkins is eligible to become a citizen, based on his military service, but a crimi-

nal conviction would disqualify him. Mervis hopes prosecutors will agree to a pretrial diversion program so he can avoid a conviction. "We don't often incarcerate war-hero-type people for making a false statement on a passport application," Mervis said. "It's a case that should never have been prosecuted criminally. This is just wrong." The U.S. Attorney's Office in Miami declined to comment. The only crime Dawkins is charged with is lying on a 2006 passport application that asked if he had ever applied for a passport before. He checked no. The government claims the answer is yes. Records show that Dawkins began a passport application in 2004, when he was deployed in Iraq. Mervis says the government lists that application as "abandoned," meaning he never finished the process. He was never denied a passport — in fact, he was inexplicably issued a passport in 2006, in spite of a standing deportation order dating to 1992, when Dawkins was 8 years old. Citing privacy laws, the State Department declined to comment Tuesday on why Dawkins was issued a passport when he had an open deportation order. □

U.S. Briefs

Gore: Obama off on global warming

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Democrats' leading environmental messenger, Al Gore, is declaring that President Barack Obama has failed to lead on the issue of global warming. In a 7,000-word essay posted online Wednesday by Rolling Stone magazine, the former vice president says Obama hasn't stood up for "bold action" on the problem and has done little to move the country forward since he replaced Republican President George W. Bush. Bush infuriated environmentalists by resisting mandatory controls on the pollution blamed for climate change, despite overwhelming scientific evidence that the burning of fossil fuels is responsible. "Obama has never presented to the American people the magnitude of the climate crisis," Gore says. "He has not defended the science against the ongoing withering and dishonest attacks." □

Obama approval falling with economy

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans increasingly disapprove of President Barack Obama's handling of the U.S. economy and are split about whether he should be re-elected, according to a new Associated Press-GfK poll. With the economy likely to dominate the November 2012 vote, the poll released Wednesday showed the tough road Obama could face if the situation does not change. Americans' opinions on the economy are the lowest yet this year as high gas prices, anemic hiring and financial turmoil abroad have shaken their confidence. Four out of five Americans believe the economy is in poor shape. The poll is the first this year showing that the number of respondents who say Obama deserves re-election has fallen below 50 percent into a virtual split of 48 percent favoring he be re-elected to 47 percent against — a demanding challenge. Concerns over the economy quickly stripped away the gloss the president briefly gained after the death of Osama bin Laden. □

Winklevoss twins drop Facebook lawsuit

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The Harvard University classmates of Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg are ending the legal battle made famous by the Hollywood movie "The Social Network." In a one-paragraph court filing Wednesday, Cameron and Tyler Winklevoss said they would accept a settlement that was worth \$65 million when agreed upon in 2008. The twins had sought to undo the settlement of \$20 million cash and \$45 million in stock. The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled against the twins, saying they had been represented by a squadron of Silicon Valley lawyers and their father, a noted business professor. The twins said Wednesday they would forgo a trip to the U.S. Supreme Court. Their stock is now worth more than \$100 million. □

Anti-Israel app removed from App Store

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Apple Inc. says it has removed an application called "ThirdIntifada" from its App Store following complaints that it glorified violence against Israel. Israel's information minister, Yuli Edelstein, requested the company remove the app in an email he sent to Apple CEO Steve Jobs. Jewish human rights group The Simon Wiesenthal Center also complained to Apple. "Intifada" is the Arabic term for two violent uprisings against Israel over the past two decades. The free application encouraged followers to share opinions and organize protests against Israel. It linked to a website that helped organize violent clashes with Israeli troops recently along Israel's frontiers with Lebanon and Syria. □



Sarah-Quita reigns



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With the warm Caribbean trades blowing twenty knots plus, the crew took to the turquoise water at the first opportunity and informed the sailors so take sails around 4.7 – 5.1m to power them through their routines. Head Judge Duncan Coombs announced the heat times would be reduced to eight minutes and the best three out of six moves would count in either direction.

The first major upset came early on in the day when Davy Scheffers (Tabou / Gaastra) lost out to Bonaire hot shot Florian Wegerer. Scheffers went about his typical heat of astounding double maneuvers, but Wegerer sailed the heat of his life. Unleashing a colossal burner and a mammoth culo, the Bonarean won the favor of the judges meaning an early exit for Scheffers' from the competition.

The standout sailor of the double elimination was Brit Andy Chambers (JP / NeilPryde). After a disappointing start to the competition, Chambers fought back through five heats raising his result from 17th to 9th. Chambers exploded out the gates in each heat displaying a collection of carefully polished moves allowing him to blitz his way past the light wind wizard Caesar Finies (Starboard / NeilPryde / Dakine), flying Frenchman Nicolas Akgazciyan (Starboard / Gun) and Brazilian Levi Lenz (Dakine).

Moving toward the final

heats of the day the current tour leader Kiri Thode (Starboard / Gaastra) sat in third place and knew he was in for a tough day. His first challenger Taty Frans (Starboard / MauiSails / Mystic), brought with him a multitude of mind-blowing maneuvers, however Thode was ready for him and went about upstaging Frans at every opportunity, guaranteeing his route into the next heat.

Thode's next encounter was against four times world champion Jose Estredo (Fanatic / North). This one was to be an absolute treat for those lucky enough to watch it, yet posed an almost impossible task for the judges to separate the pair. Following much deliberation, Thode was ultimately awarded the victory, in what was dubbed the closest heat of the event.

Final

Having defeated Estredo, Thode went through to face his nemesis Steven Van Broeckhoven (F2 / Gaastra) in the final. The wind was extremely light with the occasional 20 knot gust blowing over the competition area, giving the nimble Thode a big advantage. Van Broeckhoven switched to his larger gear prior to the heat to ensure he wouldn't suffer. Thode opened the heat with a clean switch chachoo and a double flaka as he was unable to bust the biggest moves in the lighter wind. Van Broeckhoven bided his time and waited for the larger gusts to power him through an enor-

mous culo and a burner. It came down to tactics as both sailors kept one eye on the clock and another on the gusts. Van Broeckhoven managed to seal the deal with a final sequence of explosive maneuvers; thus securing his win in the final and the overall event win.

Steven Van Broeckhoven (F2 / Gaastra)

"I was quite nervous and I had to wait all day for my heat. The wind was really gusty and we had to time our moves to perfection, it is really crazy I just did my thing; I knew the judges really like the big moves so I tried make every move as high as possible. I am really happy and I am looking forward to the next event."

Women's Fleet

Opening up the women's double elimination Arriane Aukes (RRD / Simmer / Dakine / AL360) and Mio Anayama (NeilPryde) took their heats by storm taking down new ladies to the tour Maxime Van Gent and Amanda Westera.

Aukes and Anayama went on to battle each other; Anayama displayed a consistent set of tricks, whilst Aukes looked to be finding the chop too much to deal with. Aukes dropped a number of critical moves allowing Anayama a free pass into the next round.

Anayama went on to face Xenia Kessler (JP / NeilPryde), Kessler sailed the day like her life depended on it, landing clean forward loops, fast flakas and perfect grubbys in front of the judges. Kessler went on to work her way through two more heats, defeating Anayama and Yoli De Brent (Fanatic / North) raising her result from 4th to 3rd. Kessler's next opposition was Laure Treboux (Fanatic / North) with the prize at stake, a coveted place in the final. Kessler fought hard throwing down every move in her armoury, however Treboux's powerful Swiss style swayed the judges and saw her take her familiar place in the final.

Final

The women's final witnessed Sarah-Quita Offringa (Star-



board / Gaastra / Mystic) and Treboux take to the water for the sixth time on the 2011 world freestyle tour. Lighter winds meant both parties had to work particularly hard to land their moves in the allocated time. Treboux went big attempting her shove-it spock and switch kono but the risk didn't pay off and she crashed hard, putting her on the back foot for the remainder of the heat. Offringa took advantage and sailed the perfect heat on her home ground, even managing to blow a kiss at the judges mid manoeuvre. Offringa landed every move in quick succession and went onto to claim her crown at the 2011 Aruba Hi Winds Grand Slam.

Sarah-Quita Offringa (Starboard / Gaastra / Mystic)

"I was really confident today and I knew I had to do my best. The wind was light, and I had to pump a lot in the heat to do my moves. I managed to land everything I wanted to and I didn't fall in once. It's amazing to win on my home island."

The 2011 Aruba Hi Winds

Gland Slam Freestyle Results Men's

- 1st Steven Van Broeckhoven (F2 / Gaastra)
- 2nd Kiri Thode (Starboard / Gaastra)
- 3rd Jose Estredo (Fanatic / North)
- 4th Taty Frans (Starboard / MauiSails / Mystic)
- 5th Tonky Frans (Tabou / Gaastra)

Women's

- 1st Sarah-Quita Offringa (Starboard / Gaastra / Mystic)
- 2nd Laure Treboux (Fanatic / North)
- 3rd Xenia Kessler (JP / NeilPryde)
- 4th Yoli De Brent (Fanatic / North)
- 5th Mio Anayama (NeilPryde)

Today we hand over the event to men's and women's slalom fleets, for their first day of competition. Racing is scheduled to commence 10:30 am; following the 10.00 am skippers meeting. Lots of fun for spectators to enjoy with a happy hour at 5 pm and awards ceremonies for the free-stylers at 7PM. □



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Youth advanced:

1. Karel Benschop/Floris Bekius, 2. Mick Jongbloets/Zoe Loefstok

3. Ole-/Vincent de Bruijn Canyon Talent Cup:

1. Benjamin Kloes/Titus Benschop, 2. Sander Bekius/Anton Blok

3. Milan de Jonge/Tim Hekman.

Fun men:

1. Sander Bekius/Anton Blok, 2. Ramsey Romijn/Henk Reeberg

3. Ronald van Eldik/Gert Jan Dekker

Fun ladies:

1. Michelle Collaris/Elien Uitvlugt, 2. Shanti Gould/

Marilena, 3. Zulaika/Blanche, 3. Victoria Guedez/Karin Cofino

Fun mix:



1. Mike Bislick/Briana Escobedo, 2. Roland Booster/Lotte van Paridon, 3. Heleen Bongers/Gaston Verlaan

Intermediate ladies:

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3 Mette vd Sloot/Stephanie Begemann

Intermediate men:

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3 Brian Stedeford/Thijs Don

Intermediate mix:

1 Maartje Dolfing/Rink de Haan 2 Doreth-/Muk Derks

3 Liz Elliott/Mark Quirzfeld

Advanced men:

1 Alex Lovera/Fernando Dulce

2 Mark Kiezebrink/Jerry Star-

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3 Jenner Flores/Margot van Doorn

3 Randolph Kock/Rayford Johnson

Advanced ladies:

1 Sherrel Werleman/Dorillis Werleman

2 Jennifer van Vliet/Tess Blom

3 Marieke vd Niet/Sartini Kousemaker

Advanced mix:

1 Mite vd Burg/Richard vd Burg

2 Juliette Bartijn/Victor Hoogland

3 Tony de Jonge/Alinda Koppejan

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1 Danielle van Staveren/Yvette Franssen

2 Natasja Rudolphus/Michelle Boset

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General Assembly for Pension Fund Tourism Sector



EAGLE BEACH -- The interactive General Assembly took place at the Conference Room at La Cabana Beach & Racquet Club, on Wednesday, June 22, 2011. The meeting was nicely attended by the fund's clients and by PFTSA board members. The PFTSA Executive Director Sanaa Baroud welcomed the guests with her administrative crew, making many interesting materials about the fund available. The meeting was conducted by the new dynamic chairperson, Jossy Lacle, the former director of WEB Aruba, now at the helm of the board of directors sharing the responsibility for managing and investing the pension funds for 2,815 mem-

bers most of them working in the hospitality sector. Having introduced himself to the forum, Lacle went on to express his gratitude for being able to contribute to the private pension fund. He thanked outgoing board members for their dedication and introduced his fellow board members Vice Chair Glenn Farro, Secretary Rudy Geerman, members representing employers Ton Kolman and Nathaly Wouters, and members representing employees Ann Brinkman and Valerie Pietersz-Camacho. Lacle navigated the agenda expertly inviting accountant Jamil Tromp and the auditors to explain the financial report of 2010. Following a lively interchange with the audience the bal-

ance sheet and the investments were reviewed and at the end of the formal process Lacle gave the board a discharge indicating that their good management work for 2010 was successfully reported and concluded. The meeting then went on to cover growth in membership, and the necessary changes made within the fund as a result of new mortality tables, explaining that clients' life expectancy is longer and the fund is making the adjustment to accommodate members with new life-expectancy assumptions of 76.6 for men and 82.7 for women. Having stated the objectives of PFTSA for next year, Lacle opened a free word Q & A session, thanking La Cabana Beach & Racquet Club for the use of the space and for the excellent refreshments. PFTSA is gearing up to receive more and more companies as clients and welcomes Chrec Aruba Casino NV, Atlantis Submarine NV and Lite Life Medicab NV to the group of 42 member companies with an investment portfolio of 27 millions. □



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PALM BEACH - Recently at the Marriott Ocean Club Resort, vacationers were presented with honorary titles created by the Ministry of Tourism as a token of appreciation to guest visiting Aruba for ten and 20

consecutive years. Special friends of Aruba, enjoying ten or more annual vacations here, are given the Distinguished Guest certificate and those with twenty consecutive years are awarded the Ambassador

of Goodwill title. The recent honorings were effected by the Aruba Tourism Authority associate Ricardo Croes at the Marriott Ocean Club Resort they call their home away from home. The following guests were hon-



ored as Ambassador of Goodwill for the Island of Aruba: Albert & Viola Newberg after visiting Aruba for 40 times, and also Frank Grady & Pamela Stanziola was honored as an Distinguished visitor for Aruba. Pictured: ATA Rep. Ricardo Croes together with honorees and also Gail from the Marriott Ocean Club Resort. □



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Greece's new finance minister faces daunting austerity task

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LONDON – The man Greek Prime Minister George A. Papandreou tapped last week to be his new finance chief was not his first choice. Indeed, as a political archrival, he may well have been his last.

But more than any other Greek politician, including perhaps the prime minister himself, Evangelos Venizelos is a Socialist party heavyweight who now stands responsible for convincing Greece, Europe and skittish investors the world over that Athens is capable of reforming the Greek economy and making good on its financial obligations.

With no growth to speak of and a government debt burden equal to 150 percent of its annual economic activity – one of the highest in the world – such a task may well be too much for any one person, regardless of his political skills.

Venizelos, 54, a constitutional lawyer with minimal economic policymaking experience, must persuade Parliament next week to pass the government's most recent economic plan – centered largely on a 50 billion euro, or \$72 billion, privatization effort. That is the requirement imposed by Europe and the International Monetary Fund to make an immediate cash payment and to allow Greece to qualify for a second batch of rescue money needed to stave off default.

More crucially, he must persuade Greeks to pay their taxes and get public sector unions to accept the shrinking of the state.

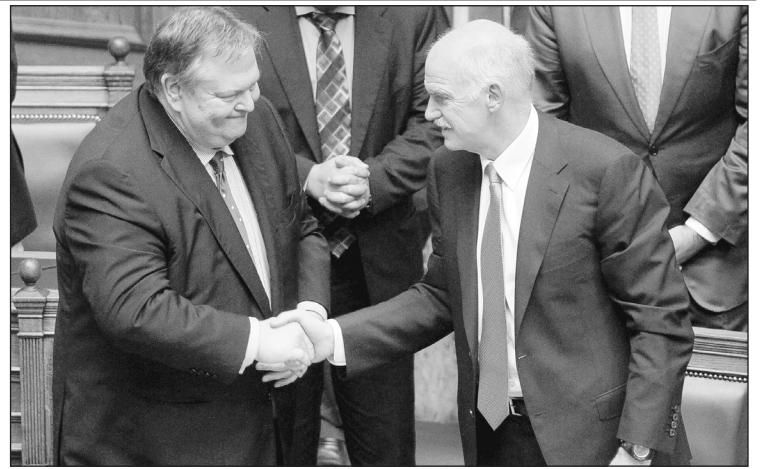
"He is a political animal and he will cut the privatization Gordian knot because he knows the law and the political tricks of how to get the job done," said Theodore Pelagidis, an Athens-based economist and one of Venizelos' top advisers.

Pelagidis cites Venizelos' experience in negotiating

a deal with the powerful electricity unions and his role as minister in charge of putting on the 2004 Olympics as examples of Venizelos' ability to get things done. □

Greek Prime Minister George Papandreou, right, is congratulated by his Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance Evangelos Venizelos in Athens on Tuesday June 22, 2011.

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Al-Qaida suspects tunnel out of Yemeni prison

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SANAA, Yemen (AP) — Nearly 60 suspected al-Qaida militants tunneled their way out of a Yemeni prison in the lawless south on Wednesday, deepening the chaos of a nation where protesters are trying to topple the autocratic regime. The escape from the Mukalla prison in Hadramout province is the latest sign that Islamic militants are seizing on the mayhem to operate more freely, something the U.S. fears will become an increasing international threat if the impoverished nation grows even more unstable. Hundreds of Islamic militants have also taken control of two southern towns in recent weeks.

The jailbreak in the early hours of Wednesday harked back to one in February 2006, when 23 al-Qaida militants broke out of a detention facility in Sanaa, Yemen's capital.

They included Nasser al-Wahishi, who went on to become the leader of the Yemen-based al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula, which Washington says is already the terror network's most active branch.

Yemeni security officials said the escapees on Wednesday included two

Syrians, two Saudis and 16 members of an al-Qaida cell blamed for at least 13 terror attacks.

A growing al-Qaida threat would deepen the country's predicament. Already, much of Yemen has been paralyzed by months of massive protests demanding the ouster of longtime leader Ali Abdullah Saleh. The crisis shifted to armed street conflict between troops loyal to Saleh and rival tribal fighters.

The president of nearly 33 years was badly wounded in an attack on his Sanaa compound earlier this month, and his departure

for medical treatment in neighboring Saudi Arabia has failed to break the deadlock.

The unrest also has significantly worsened conditions for most Yemenis, whose lives had been difficult even before the start of the unrest in February. Most now suffer from an acute shortage of drinking water, lengthy power cuts and soaring food prices. The United States already has warned that militants in Yemen were taking advantage of the unrest to operate more openly and have been able to acquire and hold more territory. □



A Yemeni army soldier, lifted by anti-government protestors, shouts slogans during a demonstration demanding the resignation of President Ali Abdullah Saleh, in Sanaa, Yemen, Wednesday, June 22, 2011. Security officials say 57 militants, mostly from al-Qaida, have escaped from a prison in southern Yemen. They say the 57 were among 62 inmates from the Mukalla jail in the Hadarmout province who escaped Wednesday through an underground tunnel.

(AP Photo/Hani Mohammed)

Canada: Military unaware of Afghan torture

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TORONTO (AP) — Canada released declassified documents Wednesday that it said cleared military officials of charges they ignored evidence Taliban prisoners handed over to Afghanistan's intelligence service were being tortured.

The main opposition party, however, questioned the findings saying they had no faith in the government's review of the documents and refused to take part in the process.

The release of some 4,000 previously classified documents comes about two years after a senior Canadian diplomat first alleged that government and military officials knew about

the purported torture.

The issue sparked a debate in Parliament and prompted the creation of a special multiparty committee to examine documents related to the treatment of Afghan detainees.

"The allegations of improper conduct are unfounded and critics' accusations of Canadian complicity with torture or even war crimes are simply not true," Foreign Minister John Baird said.

The concerns were first raised by Richard Colvin, who spent 18 months as the senior Canadian diplomat in Afghanistan in 2006 and 2007.

He said that during that time Canadian officials knew detainees faced a high risk of torture but con-

tinued to order military police to hand over detainees to Afghanistan's National Directorate of Security.

Colvin said he sent several reports on the problem to senior military and government officials that were ignored.

Two former Supreme Court justices, a former British Columbia judge, and an ad-hoc committee of Parliament members combed through the massive file to determine what could be released without endangering national security.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper's Conservative government released only about one tenth of the some 40,000 classified pages on the treatment of detainees in Afghanistan. □

World Briefs

Chavez recuperating after surgery

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — Venezuela's vice president says President Hugo Chavez is attending to his day-to-day government duties while recuperating in Cuba following surgery. Vice President Elias Jaua says Chavez remains in Cuba, where he underwent surgery for a pelvic abscess June 10. The condition is an accumulation of pus that can have various causes, including infection or surgical complications. Neither Chavez nor doctors treating him have disclosed what caused the abscess. Chavez's brother Adan told Venezuelan state television Wednesday that the president is expected to return home within 10 to 12 days. □

Quake hits Japan; warning canceled

TOKYO (AP) — A magnitude-6.7 earthquake rattled northeast Japan early Thursday in the same area where a massive quake triggered a deadly tsunami in March, but there were no immediate reports of injuries or damage. The Japan Meteorological Agency issued a tsunami warning for the region after the quake, but canceled it about an hour later. The temblor struck the region of the Pacific where a magnitude-9.0 quake hit on March 11, triggering a huge tsunami. At least 23,000 people were killed or left missing in those disasters, which destroyed hundreds of homes, offices and factories in northeastern Japan. Thursday's quake hit about 30 miles (47 kilometers) off the shore of Iwate prefecture at 6:51 a.m. (2151 GMT Wednesday), the Japan Meteorological Agency said. Much of the coast in the area is still heavily damaged from March's disasters. □

EU mission to Myanmar optimistic

YANGON, Myanmar (AP) — A European Union delegation saw encouraging signs from Myanmar's new government but promises of reform must be matched by actions, the mission chief said Wednesday.

The fact-finding mission was meant to measure the extent of change under the new nominally civilian regime as well as prospects for the EU to engage more with it, delegation chief Robert Cooper of Britain said. Myanmar, under military rule since 1962, held its first elections in 20 years last November. The new government, comprising mostly retired military officers, has promised democratic reforms but made no major gestures in that direction. Critics say the vote was orchestrated to keep power in the military's hands. The EU, like the United States, maintains economic and political sanctions against Myanmar because of its failure to implement democratic reforms and its poor human rights record. □

Qatar diplomat to lead U.N. Assembly

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The U.N. General Assembly unanimously elected Qatar's U.N. ambassador Wednesday as president of its next session, the latest sign of the tiny Gulf nation's growing role on the international stage. Last year, the oil-rich nation won its bid to host 2022 World Cup. It has also acted as a peace broker in Lebanon and Sudan, and is financially supporting the Libyan opposition. Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser, a 57-year-old career diplomat who has been Qatar's envoy to the U.N. since 1998, was nominated by the 53 Asian nations whose turn it was to select a candidate for the rotating presidency. He was elected by acclamation and will take over from Joseph Deiss of Switzerland when the 66th session of the General Assembly opens in September. Al-Nasser told diplomats from the 192 U.N. member states that he hopes to act "as a bridge between developed, developing and least developed countries" and focus on building consensus on major global challenges including armed conflict, hunger, poverty, terrorism, climate change, the global economic crisis and the rights of peoples to self-determination. □

Bahrain: Eight activists sentenced to life in prison

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CAIRO – A special military court in Bahrain convicted 21 mostly Shiite activists on Wednesday on charges of conspiring to overthrow the government during street demonstrations this year, sentencing eight to life in prison and the others to terms of up to 15 years. Ibrahim Sharif, a secular Muslim who was the only Sunni among the defendants, received a relatively short sentence of five years. The monarchy has accused the men of conspiring with the Shiite government of its increasingly powerful neighbor, Iran. A government spokesman, Luma E. Bashmi, released a statement saying the defendants had brought the country “to the brink of total anarchy” and that the long terms were sending the message that “law and order will be preserved and therefore reassuring the majority of the population of Bahrain that their security will not be allowed to be compromised by violence or attempts to overthrow the regime or by the calling for the establishment of an Islamic Republic.” Of the 21 sentences, seven were handed down in absentia, mostly to men thought to be in Britain. One, Ali Mushaima, 28, has been living in Britain in 2006; his father, the opposition leader Hasan Mushaima, was among those sentenced to life. “Our people will not give up,” the younger Mushaima said, adding, “Today in Bahrain, in every village, people must take to the streets.” After the sentencing, the police fired tear gas to stop marchers in Manama from reaching a central section of the city, Pearl Square, in one of the first demonstrations in months. The Associated Press reported, citing witnesses. In the courtroom in Manama, the capital, the defendants pumped fists in the air and shouted “peacefully” – a mantra from the protests – as guards dragged them away. □

US pledges more foreign aid to fight drug cartels

BRADLEY KLAPPER

Associated Press

GUATEMALA CITY (AP) —

The Obama administration pledged Wednesday to increase its investment in Central America's security to nearly \$300 million this year to thwart the expanding activities of drugs cartels threatening to destabilize the entire region.

U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton announced the release of new funds at a meeting of 12 regional countries and donor nations.

Some of the money was previously allotted or is being repackaged from other programs, but the total figure represents a more than 10 percent jump from last year's aid of \$260 million, U.S. officials said.

“We know the statistics — the murder rates surpassing civil war levels,” Clinton said.

The gathering in Guatemala's capital aims to find a coordinated strategy to fight the growing threat posed by the cartels. Altogether donors pledged close to \$1 billion.

Years of U.S.-backed anti-drug crackdowns in Mexico and Colombia have pushed traffickers into Central American countries wedged in between. The problem has grown almost unchecked in a region beset by corruption, poverty and underfunded police forces.

Clinton said Central American governments needed to do their part by fighting corruption and ensuring effective institutions. They must “build police forces and courts that are well-funded and well-equipped, capable of protecting human rights and earning the trust of the communities they serve,” she said.

The governments of the region are severely underfunded. Whereas the U.S. government collects revenues equal to more than 20 percent of America's total income, most in Central American pull in only about 10 percent, with higher taxes facing fierce resistance from entrenched elites and businesses.

El Salvador's private sector has come out against a new tax proposed last month by President Mauri-

cio Funes to raise \$380 million over three years to pay for security programs. Costa Rican President Laura Chinchilla is waiting on legislative approval for projects

to raise an additional \$100 million to fight organized crime.

Yet governments are not completely without fault. In Guatemala, many wealthy

people chafe at the idea of higher taxes after their government moved tens of millions of dollars away from security into populist social programs ahead of a September election.

In the meantime, the harsh reality facing many of these countries is becoming increasingly apparent. In Guatemala, 27 people were massacred last month on a ranch, most of them beheaded. The attack was blamed on Mexico's brutal Zetas drug cartel, which has set up shop in the country. Clinton urged cooperation from rich and poor.

“Businesses and the rich must pay their fair share of taxes and become full partners in a whole-of-society effort,” she said. “True security cannot be funded on the backs of the poor.” □



U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton walks down an airplane stairway upon her arrival at an Air Force base in Guatemala City, Wednesday, June 22, 2011. Clinton will take part in the Central American Security Strategy summit.

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China releases dissident artist

EDWARD WONG
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BEIJING – Chinese legal authorities released dissident artist Ai Weiwei on Wednesday after a three-month detention, apparently ending a prosecution that had become a focal point of criticism of China's eroding human rights record.

"I'm released, I'm home, I'm fine," Ai said in English after being reached on his cellphone shortly before 12:30 a.m. Thursday. "In legal terms, I'm – how do you say? – on bail. So I cannot give any interviews. But I'm fine."

Photographs of Ai taken as he arrived after 11 p.m. Wednesday at his studio in the Caochangdi arts district of northeast Beijing showed him smiling, wearing a blue T-shirt, and with his trademark bushy beard streaked with gray.



Ai Weiwei, a high-profile artist and ardent Chinese government critic, in Beijing, March 6, 2011. Ai, who was arrested by Chinese authorities in April, was released on bail June 22, 2011 after confessing to tax evasion, Chinese state media reported.

(Shiho Fukada/The New York Times)

The shirt hung loosely on him, his girth reduced during his time in custody. The release of Ai, 54, who is widely known and admired outside of China, appeared to be a rare example in recent years of Beijing bowing to international pressure on human rights. Ai was the most prominent of hundreds of

people detained since China intensified a broad crackdown on critics of the government in February, when anonymous calls for mass protests modeled after the revolutions in the Middle East percolated on the Chinese Internet.

China's move to douse any flicker of dissent was the harshest in years outside of the restive ethnic regions in the far west, and the vast majority of those detained in the crackdown were, like Ai, held in secret locations for weeks with no legal justification.

Chinese officials announced in May that authorities were investigating Ai on suspicion of tax evasion, after police officers took him from the main Beijing airport April 3 as Ai prepared to board a flight to Hong Kong. Ai's supporters said the tax inquiry was a pretext to silence one of the most

vocal critics of the Chinese Communist Party.

Ai is presumed to be well connected because he is the son of Ai Qing, one of the most beloved poets of modern China. His detention was nearly certain to have been approved by top Chinese leaders, and it is unclear what kinds of discussions took place within elite political circles that ultimately led to his release.

But China came under heavy pressure from all corners of the globe, not only from standard diplomatic channels but also from prominent people like Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg of New York, who harangued China in May at a Manhattan opening of an outdoor sculpture exhibition by Ai, and Anish Kapoor, a leading sculptor in Britain who this month canceled a show planned for the National Museum of China in Beijing.

Premier Wen Jiabao of China was scheduled to visit Britain and Germany starting Saturday, and he almost certainly would have encountered protests and condemnation, whether on the streets or in private meetings.

"Without the wave of international support for Ai and the popular expressions of dismay and disgust about the circumstances of his disappearance and detention, it's highly unlikely the Chinese government would have released him," Phelim Kine, an Asia researcher for Human Rights Watch, said in an email. □

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OAKTON, Va. — Tim Artz's brewery is enclosed by glass walls on three sides and looks out onto a bluff of apple trees and a garden filled with beans, squash and 35 varieties of pepper. On a raw April morning, the brewery doors were open but the brewery itself was warm; the gas burner below the 30-gallon brew tank was cranking at near full power.

Artz was already a good 90 minutes into his brew day; the grain was milled and the hops were measured and waiting on a nearby table.

It was just the moment for his wife to emerge from the house and ask if he and his guests would like a fresh mug of coffee.

Artz, 48, is just a home brewer, not a professional; his main job is director of information technology at a health care firm. But with the elaborate set-up he has built and installed in his Florida room (there is a big cask for holding mash and an \$1,800 fermentation tank, in addition to the 30-gallon kettle), he could easily be mistaken for much more than an amateur.

Home brewing, which was rendered illegal by Prohibition and not legalized again until 1979, is enjoying a resurgence. The American Homebrewers Association, based in Boulder, Colo., had just 11,724 members in 2006; that has since more than doubled, to 26,000. This increased interest, in turn, has fostered a mini-boom in brewing equipment, according to Gary Glass, who is the director of the association. "Home-brew supply shops reported a growth of 16 percent in gross revenue, according to 2009 numbers," Glass said, referring to the change from the prior year. The numbers for 2010 are not yet available, he added, but he anticipates double-digit growth once again.

Â This increase has been aided by the rise of social clubs, books and competitions geared to home

brewers, as well as by the success of microbreweries over the past two decades, which has inspired many amateur beer-makers. The DIY and locavore movements have played a role, too.

"There is a trend to do things more locally," Glass said. "You don't get any more local than doing it at

is stashed in a corner of a garage, dragged out only occasionally, powered by modest propane tanks normally attached to the barbecue and yielding just a few gallons. (Professional breweries measure output by the barrel — roughly 31 gallons each.) But as the ranks of amateur brewers grow, more of

husband but on that April day was growing crystals in the kitchen with the couple's 8-year-old son, Ben. (A true DIY family, they also forage for mushrooms, make their own soap, keep four beehives and smoke meat on a large smoker made out of a cleaned and repurposed oil drum.) The Artz family has also

amateurs they cannot legally sell their wares). But other big spenders have no grand business plans; they equate brewing to activities like golf: a pastime that is a labor of love, exploration, trial and error, frustration and, finally, pride, when the water, malt, hops and yeast combine just right to pour a perfect pint.

For these dedicated hobbyists who are willing to spend money, said Glass, beer equipment manufacturers, like Sabco, of Toledo, Ohio, and More Beer, of Concord, Calif., are now making high-end commercial-grade products for home use.

"It is still the exception, not the rule," said Glass, who is emphatically not one of the high-end hobbyists. He brews about six times a year, and does so on a Frankenstein system, an affectionate term used by home brewers to describe a mishmash of equipment that is not pretty, but gets the job done.

But the president of Sabco, Bob Sulier, believes



Bryan Rabe in Minneapolis, May 14, 2011. Home brewing, which was rendered illegal by Prohibition and not re-legalized until 1979, is now enjoying a resurgence.

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home."

Even the recession did not slow things, Glass added.

"Part of the theory," he said, "is that people have more time for hobbies when they are unemployed or underemployed."

In a way, the revival recalls America's roots. The Pilgrims are said to have landed at Plymouth Rock rather than continue on to Virginia, because they had run out of beer and wanted a fresh supply. Many founding fathers brewed ales on their farms. (George Washington's recipe for a porter brewed with molasses, recently recreated by a Brooklyn brewer, has been commercially produced by the Shmaltz Brewing Co.) Even the Obamas have joined in; they served an ale brewed at the White House and flavored with honey from the beehives there at their Super Bowl party this year.

For many people, home brewing summons visions of beat-up equipment that



Tim Artz, a home brewer, samples beer from his brewery, in the Florida room of his home in Oakton, Va., April 22, 2011.

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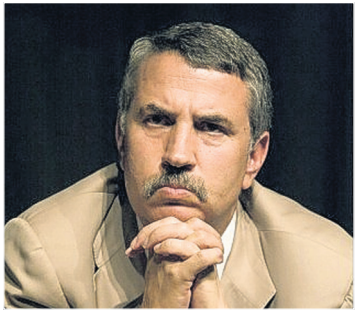
them are like the Artz family, people with high-end equipment who brew lots of beer and have a dedicated brewing space in their homes.

"When we looked at the house and walked into the room, we both knew this is where the brewery would be," said Dot Artz, who occasionally brews with her

made substantial outlays for their pastime. Tim Artz rolled his eyes and grinned mischievously when asked how much he has spent on brewing over the years.

"A lot," he said. "It is definitely not a cheap hobby." Some home brewers who invest heavily harbor ambitions of one day opening a professional brewery (as

the number of high-end brewers is growing. In the past, the company's Brew Magic system — their \$6,000 flagship — was sold primarily to professional brewers, he said, but now many are being bought by home brewers or home-brew groups. In 2010, the company sold about one Brew Magic system a day, he added. □



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There is something crazy about what is going on in our country today. Our fiscal condition continues on an unsustainable path, the European currency is heading for a crackup, the Arab world is in the midst of a crackup, unemployment is creeping upward and basically our two parties are telling us that they will not make the reforms that we know are necessary because it would involve too much pain and could imperil their chances of winning the presidency in 2012.

Ever since President Franklin D. Roosevelt's legendary "First 100 Days" in office – which stabilized a country ravaged by the Depression – the first 100 days of every president have been used as a measuring stick for success. That's over. I've said this before, and I believe it even more strongly today: We've gone from the first 100 days to the "Only 100 Days." Really – it feels as if President Barack Obama had 100 days to push through the basics we needed to stabilize the economy and then lay the basis for his one big initiative – health care reform – and then he was preparing for the midterms, and then he was recovering from his midterm losses and then he was announcing his re-election bid and then, judging from all the Republicans who have declared for the presidency already, the 2012 race got started. As such, the chances of the two parties successfully doing something big, hard and together to fix the huge problems staring us in the face are very small – unless the market or Mother Nature imposes it upon them.

There is no way that America can remain a great country if the opportunities for meaningful reform are reduced to either market- or and climate-induced crises and 100 working days every four years. We need a full-time government, and instead we've created a Congress that is a full-time fundraising enterprise that occasionally legislates and a White House that, save for 100 days, has to be in perpetual campaign mode.

To get elected today, politicians increasingly have to play to their bases and promise things that they

100 Days

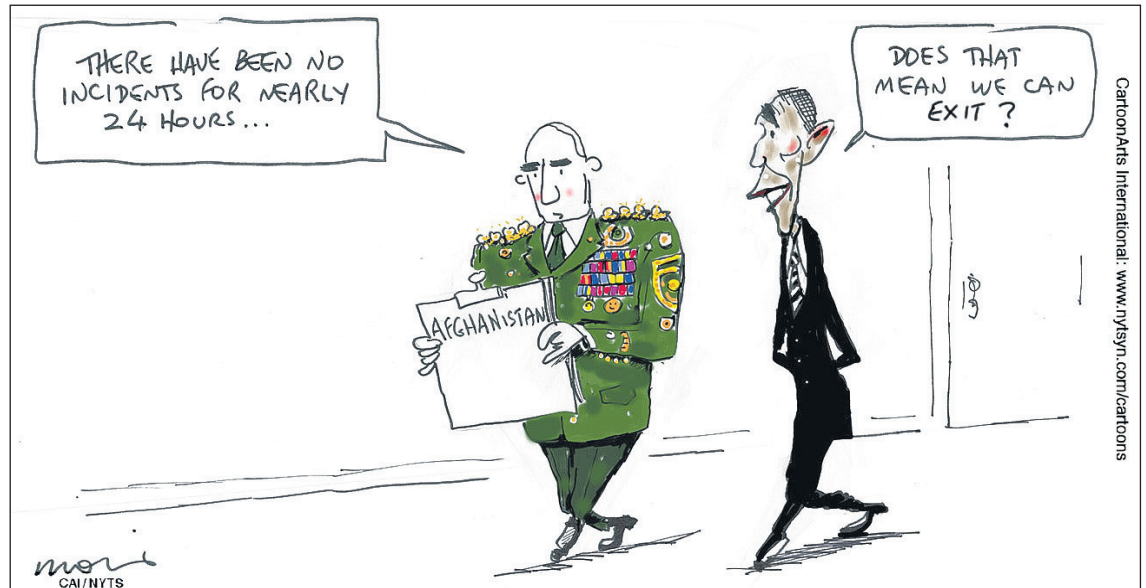
cannot possibly deliver (5 percent annual growth for a decade) or solutions to our problems that will be painless for their constituencies (we'll just raise taxes on the rich or we'll just cut taxes even more) or to keep things just as they are even though we know they can't possibly stay that way without bankrupting the country (Social Security and Medicare benefits).

The truth is, we need to do four things at once if we have any hope of maintaining American greatness: We need more stimulus to keep the economy from slipping back into recession. But we need to combine that stimulus with a credible, legislated, long-term plan for cutting spending and getting the deficit under control – e.g., the Simpson-Bowles deficit-reduction plan. And we need to raise new revenues in order to reinvest in the sources of our strength: education, infrastructure and government-funded research to push out the boundaries of knowledge.

That's right. We need to do four things at once: spend, cut, tax and invest. And unless we do all four at once we're not going to break out of our slow decline. But to do all four at once will require a new hybrid politics, which does not conform to the political agenda of either major party. Maybe it is just my friends, but I find more and more people completely disgusted by this situation and looking for a serious Third Party candidate who could run in 2012 and deliver the shock therapy to the corrupt, encrusted, two-party duopoly now running the show in America.

Such a Third Party would have a simple agenda: 1) Inject a short-term stimulus. 2) Enact Simpson-Bowles. 3) Shrink our presence in Afghanistan. 4) Raise automobile mileage standards. 5) Impose a gasoline tax to pay for a massive increase in government-supported scientific research and a carbon tax to pay for new infrastructure and stimulate clean-power innovation.

Do I think such a Third Party can win in 2012? Not likely. But it doesn't have to win to be effective. If such a party attracted substantial voters on such a platform, it would shape the agendas of the Republicans and Democrats. They would both have to move to attract these voters by changing their own platforms and, in so doing, might even create a mandate for the next president to govern for an entire term – not just 100 days. □



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WASHINGTON – It would have been thrilling, of course, if Hillary Clinton had channeled Aaron Sorkin and smacked around the barbaric Saudi men who force women to huddle under a suffocating black tarp. As Allison Janney's C.J. Cregg once fumed on "The West Wing" about Saudi Arabia: "This is a country where women aren't allowed to drive a car. They're not allowed to be in the company of any man other than a close relative. They're required to adhere to a dress code that would make a Maryknoll nun look like Malibu Barbie. They beheaded 121 people last year for robbery, rape and drug trafficking. They have no free press, no elected government, no political parties. And the royal family allows the religious police to travel in groups of six carrying nightsticks, and they freely and publicly beat women. But 'Brutus is an honorable man.' Seventeen schoolgirls were forced to burn alive because they weren't wearing the proper clothing. ... Saudi Arabia, our partners in peace." It would have been thrilling if Hillary 2011 had simply channeled Hillary 1995, when, as first lady, she made her bodacious speech in Beijing, declaring that "women's rights are human rights."

In her memoir, Hillary wrote that, despite pressure against it, she was determined to give that speech because she was fed up with "the crucial concerns of women" getting sacrificed "to diplomatic, military and trade issues."

Sing out, Hillary Clinton!

So it was startling Monday when Saudi female activists, struggling to bring the Arab Spring to the medieval House of Saud by urging women to drive, chided Hillary for her silence. Clinton's office responded that the secretary had used "quiet diplomacy" – raising the issue, and more pressing ones, in a call with the Saudi foreign minister on the Day of Driving Dangerously. By Tuesday, the secretary of state – who has worked hard for women under the radar and whose legacy will be shaped by her support of women's rights around the world – realized that she needed to be a bit louder. "What these women are doing is brave and what they are seeking is right, but the effort belongs to them," she told reporters, adding that she wanted to "underscore and emphasize that this is not about the United States. It's not about what any of us on the outside say," but about "the women themselves." One Saudi liberal told me that Hillary should sing out: "Hillary should be more forthcoming and forget about oil. She should also focus on the plight of maids in Saudi Arabia. An Indonesian maid here was beheaded two days ago for killing her employer. Many workers are on death row and don't get a fair trial." No one expected Hillary to be as exuberant as the Ukrainian feminists who cruised in solidarity around the Saudi Embassy in Kiev, covering their faces and baring their breasts. Clinton is a diplomat now. She knows it's tricky to push Bedouins, who get stubborn and dig in their heels. Saudis prefer concessions to be seen as gifts. Still, because the Saudis are our drug dealers on oil, America has never fought hard enough for oppressed women in the authoritarian kingdom. "We have bigger fish to fry," a top foreign policy official told me this week. The Saudis are disgusted with President Barack Obama for what they see as his abandonment of Hosni

Mubarak, dithering on a Palestinian state and being "unduly beholden to Israel," as Prince Turki al-Faisal, the former Saudi ambassador to the United States, wrote in a recent Washington Post op-ed piece.

The prince said that Saudi Arabia and other Arab states would help Palestinians bypass the United States and Israel and seek statehood at the United Nations. The Arab News reported that the Saudi Women for Driving Internet campaign was "deemed a failure, as hardly any women drove that day," only about 40, and most did not continue after Friday. Saudi fans of the 87-year-old King Abdullah, who started the first co-ed university in the kingdom, are upset and surprised that he hasn't already allowed women to drive. They blame it on the resistance of the ultraconservative Prince Nayef bin Abdel Aziz, the interior minister who is believed to be responsible for jailing the first driver, Manal al-Sharif, for nine days. Nayef is said to be arguing with the more progressive king for additional time to prepare for female drivers. Given the king's declining health and the illness of his half-brother, the Crown Prince Sultan, the chance to give women any rights may be running out. Nayef, who has long been in charge of the roaming odious religious police who let those schoolgirls die in the fire in Mecca because they didn't have their headscarves on, is a contender to replace the crown prince, and it's unlikely he'll pull a Nixon-in-China move on women's freedom.

The juxtaposition of images said it all. A smiling Michelle Obama and her daughters meeting with Nelson Mandela was a vivid reminder of how far South Africa has come since it ended race apartheid under pressure. The small courageous spurt of ladies in black driving was a vivid reminder that Saudi Arabia, under little pressure, is still locked in gender apartheid. □

Rivera sets record; Yankees hold off Reds

New York Yankees relief pitcher Mariano Rivera, left, is congratulated by manager Joe Girardi after they defeated the Cincinnati Reds 4-2 in the first game of an interleague baseball doubleheader, Wednesday, June 22, 2011 in Cincinnati. Rivera earned his 19th save of the season.

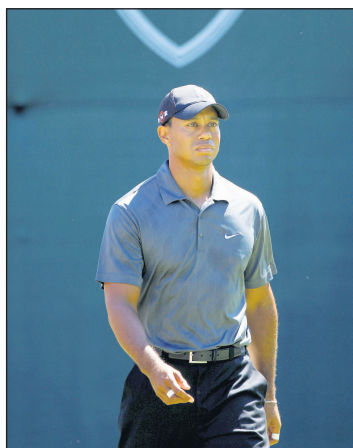
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Woods to miss next week's AT&T National



In this July 3, 2010 file photo, Tiger Woods walks off the tee box on the tenth hole during the third round of the AT&T National golf tournament.

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ORLANDO, Florida (AP) — Tiger Woods will miss another golf tournament as he recovers from injuries to his left leg, saying Wednesday he will not play in the AT&T National next week outside Philadelphia.

"Doctor's orders," Woods posted on Twitter.

He said he would be at Aronimink to support the tournament, which benefits the Tiger Woods Foundation. Woods said he is "feeling stronger," but is still not 100 percent.

Woods, who has slipped to No. 17 in the world ranking, has not completed a tournament since he tied for fourth at the Masters. He said he hurt his left knee and Achilles hitting a shot on the 17th hole of the third round from an awkward stance in the pine straw.

He tried to compete in The Players Championship, but withdrew after nine holes.

The next tournament on the list is the British Open, which starts July 14 at Royal St. George's in England. □

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Roddick serve clicking, rolls over Hanescu



Andy Roddick of the US returns a shot to Romania's Victor Hanescu during their match at the All England Lawn Tennis Championships at Wimbledon, Wednesday, June 22, 2011.

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Anaheim's Corey Perry poses with the Ted Lindsay Award and the Hart Memorial Trophy after winning them at the 2011 NHL Awards, Wednesday, June 22, 2011, in Las Vegas.

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Goals leader Corey Perry wins NHL's MVP award

OSKAR GARCIA

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Anaheim Ducks forward Corey Perry crashed the Sedins' NHL most valuable player party, winning the Hart Trophy on Wednesday night.

Perry, who scored a league-best 50 goals, was a surprise winner over scoring champion Daniel Sedin of the Vancouver Canucks, who was trying to complete an unprecedented MVP double dip after his twin brother and teammate Henrik took the honors last year.

Perry's win capped the two-hour NHL Awards ceremony. Even he said he didn't expect to take home the trophy. Tampa Bay's Martin St. Louis was the third MVP finalist. Perry surged to the goal title, scoring 19 in his final 16 games. During that stretch, Anaheim moved from 11th to fourth in the Western Conference.

The Sedins didn't pull off the back-to-back MVP wins, but they do own the past two scoring titles. Daniel won it this season with 104 points — including 41 goals. He was second in the league with a plus-30 rating.

St. Louis had 68 assists, second to Henrik Sedin's 75, and was second to Daniel Sedin with 99 points.

Detroit's Nicklas Lidstrom returned to the awards platform by winning his seventh Norris Trophy as the league's best defenseman, beating out Nashville's Shea Weber and Boston's Zdeno Chara.

Lidstrom equaled Doug Harvey as a seven-time winner, one behind record-holder Bobby Orr.

Lidstrom won the award for the first time since 2008, the last of his second "three-peat."

Tim Thomas added his second Vezina Trophy to go with his recent Stanley Cup title. The Boston Bruins goalie earned top NHL honors after a stellar season that culminated in his first championship.

Thomas set an NHL record for save percentage when he finished at .938, surpassing Dominik Hasek's .937 set in the 1998-99 season. He also had a league-low 2.00 goals-against average and nine shutouts.

Those imposing figures lifted him over fellow Vezina finalists Roberto Luongo of the Western Conference champion Vancouver Canucks and Nashville's Pekka Rinne in voting by the league's 40 general managers. Rinne had 25 wins in 42 starts, ranking second in save percentage. Dan Bylsma of the Pittsburgh Penguins picked up the Jack Adams Award as coach of the year, and Ryan Kesler of the Vancouver Canucks ended Pavel Datsyuk's three-year run as Selke Trophy winner, honoring the best defensive forward. □

New suits mean no more records in swimming

ANDREW DAMPF

AP Sports Writer

ROME (AP) — Swimming's world-record drought has reached 18 months, and as next month's world championships in Shanghai draw nearer the sport's close-knit community is starting to wonder when it will be broken.

"I think the whole swimming world has to get ready not to see another world record in the men's sprints for a long time," said Serbian butterfly specialist Milorad Cavic, the closest challenger to Michael Phelps' record eight gold medals at the 2008 Beijing Olympics.

How long? According to Cavic and others, a decade.

The reason, of course, can be traced back to the ban on rubberized bodysuits at the beginning of last year. Since swimmers were forced to wear textiles again, no world records have been broken in an Olympic-size 50-meter pool.

The only world records set at all since Jan. 2010 came at the short-course worlds in Dubai in December: two from American standout Ryan Lochte, plus relay victories by Russian men and Chinese women.

But the sport prefers to measure itself in the longer pool.

A staggering 43 world records were set at the last long-course worlds in Rome two years ago, and overall between 2008 and 2009 — the rubberized suit era — there were more than 200 records set over long- and short-course.

The feeling from many swimmers and coaches is that there may only be a select few records in Shanghai, and quite possibly none at all in the men's events.

That's because men have been penalized more under the new rules, with their suits limited to jammers covering the waists down to the knees, while women's suits stretch from the shoulders to the knees.



World record holder Michael Phelps smiles after winning his swimming heat in the 100-meter butterfly during the Santa Clara International Grand Prix in Santa Clara, Calif., Friday, June 17, 2011.

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"I think it would have been better to go back 15 months, not 10 years," said Italian swimmer Massimiliano Rosolino, who has won 60 medals in Olympics, worlds and European championships in a career spanning three decades. Cavic and Rosolino are not the only ones who point out that men's swimming has taken a 10-year step backward.

Dutch coach Jacco Verhaeren noted that in the 100-meter freestyle — swimming's signature event — Pieter van den Hoogenband's world record of 47.84 seconds would still stand without the seven marks set in 2008 and 2009. Cesar Cielo set the current 100 free record of 46.91 at the 2009 worlds in Rome.

"Pieter's record came 11 years ago, then there was a one-second drop, so count

10 years," said Verhaeren, who was Van den Hoogenband's personal coach for 15 years. "It's like mathematics."

Cavic and Rosolino both suggested changing the rules again to bring men's suits in line with the women's apparel. Making men's suits cover the chests would also appease manufacturers, who are upset that they can no longer display their logos on men's chests.

Less brand-visibility, they say, means less success for the companies that support swimming the most. For the moment — at least through next year's London Olympics — swimming governing body FINA won't alter the rules. But FINA executive director Cornel Marculescu left open the possibility of changes at the next general congress in 2013. □

Yankees beat Reds 4-2 in designated hitter opener

By **JOE KAY**
AP Baseball Writer

CINCINNATI — A lot had happened since the last time Jorge Posada hit a homer.

The catcher-turned-DH lost his spot as the Yankees' extra hitter. He was dropped to ninth in the order and took himself out of the lineup for one day, prompting a spat with the front office and an apology. He'd been reduced to pinch hitting and playing sporadically. The only thing that hadn't changed: no homers.

Playing first base in the NL park, Posada ended the second-longest homer drought of his career on Wednesday, connecting on a two-run shot that sent New York to its fourth straight win, 4-2 over the Cincinnati Reds in the first game of a day-night doubleheader. Posada's tie-breaking homer in the sixth off Mike Leake (6-4) ended his stretch of 126 at-bats without one. His last homer was April 23. It's not like he was counting the days.

"I don't know when's the last time I hit one, but I wasn't trying to hit one," Posada said. "They happen for me. I don't care when they do happen. I'm happy they are, but I'm not going out trying to hit a home run." Good timing on this one. New York moved a season-high 14 games over .500 at 43-29. The Yankees have matched their season

high with four straight wins, and have 10 victories in their last 12 games.

Although Posada hasn't been hitting homers, he has gotten much better at the plate, recently putting together a nine-game hitting streak. He has raised his average from .165 to .227.

"Huge hit for him today," manager Joe Girardi said. "Love it! That ends up being the difference in the ballgame. You don't need to hit home runs to be productive." Freddy Garcia (6-6) gave up two unearned runs in seven innings against Cincinnati's struggling offense. The Reds fell to 1-7 against the AL. They dropped two of three over the weekend to Toronto, and now the first two against the Yankees. The main problem: few runs, which makes it tougher on the pitching staff.

"Yeah, it feels like it, but the offense will get back on track soon," Leake said. "I'm not worried about the offense. You've just got to keep battling, and eventually they'll score some runs for you." Yankees third baseman Ramiro Pena committed three errors, including two in the fifth that gave the Reds their runs. Cincinnati has only seven earned runs in its last five games.

Garcia lost his first two interleague starts this season, but regained his touch against the slumping Reds. He allowed three hits and one walk in seven innings.

Garcia is 22-10 in 39 career interleague starts.

The right-hander is 4-0 in four career starts against the Reds, all of them in Cincinnati and all of them for a different team. He played for the Mariners, the White Sox and the Phillies in the first three.

Mariano Rivera pitched the ninth for his 19th save in 22 tries. He has a record 66 career saves in interleague games, including 22 in a row since 2006.

Except for their rainout on Tuesday night that set up the doubleheader, the Yankees are enjoying their first visit to Cincinnati in eight years. They lead the majors in homers, but have cobbled most of their runs out of the simple stuff.

They got a pair of runs in the third on Brett Gardner's infield single, Curtis Granderson's hit-and-run single, Nick Swisher's RBI ground-out and Robinson Cano's single. Cano has hit safely in the last 10 games.

The Reds needed help to get the runs back, and they got it from Pena, who was called up last week for his second stint with the Yankees this season.

Pena threw off target to first on Drew Stubbs' grounder — the ball grazed the runner's left cheek — for the first error. Stubbs made it to third on Edgar Renteria's single, then took off for home on Ryan Hanigan's grounder to third. Pena



New York Yankees' Jorge Posada hits a two-run home run off Cincinnati Reds starting pitcher Mike Leake during the sixth inning in the first game of an interleague baseball doubleheader, Wednesday, June 22, 2011 in Cincinnati. New York won 4-2.

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fielded it cleanly and had plenty of time to get Stubbs, but bounced his throw for another error.

Pena was filling in for Alex Rodriguez, who has a sore shoulder and got the game off. New York finally did some slugging in the sixth. Cano singled and Posada hit the first pitch from Leake into the first row of seats in right field, near a fan wearing a Pete Rose 4,192 T-shirt. In other interleague games

it was Pittsburgh 9, Baltimore 3; Colorado 4, Cleveland 3; Washington 6, Seattle 5; Florida 5, L.A. Angels 2; Oakland 7, N.Y. Mets 3; San Diego 5, Boston 4; Atlanta 5, Toronto 1; Texas 5, Houston 4, 11 innings; Arizona 7, Kansas City 2; Chicago White Sox 3, Chicago Cubs 2; Milwaukee 5, Tampa Bay 1; L.A. Dodgers 6, Detroit 1; Philadelphia 10, St. Louis 2 and Minnesota 9, San Francisco 2. □

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V. Williams overcomes Date-Krumm in 3-set thriller

STEPHEN WILSON

AP Sports Writer

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — Five-time champion Venus Williams needed three sets and nearly three hours to overcome the oldest player in the field Wednesday and reach the third round at Wimbledon. With rain delaying play on the other courts at the All England Club, Williams outlasted Kimiko Date-Krumm 6-7 (6), 6-3, 8-6 in a compelling battle under the sliding roof of Centre Court that featured great shot-making from both players. Williams relied on her big serve at key moments to overcome a gritty challenge from the 40-year-old Japanese player, who was the second oldest woman to reach the second round here in the Open era after Martina Navratilova.

"She doesn't play anywhere near her age," said Williams, who again wore her original one-piece jumpsuit with a triangle cut out in the back, a gold belt and gold zipper. Following Williams on Centre Court was defending men's champion Rafael Nadal, who cruised past Ryan Sweeting 6-3, 6-2, 6-4 to move into the third round, showing just how tough he'll be to stop as he chases a third Wimbledon crown.

The top-ranked Spaniard, who beat the American for the third time this year, all in straight sets, had only seven unforced errors to go with his 38 winners. Nadal broke Sweeting five times and lost serve just once.

"I was playing very well," said Nadal, who finished in style on the last two points with a running backhand passing shot down the line and a forehand volley into the open court.

"The second and beginning of the third I had the match completely under control, but he had a few



Venus Williams of the US in action during the match against Japan's Kimiko Date-Krumm at the All England Lawn Tennis Championships at Wimbledon, Wednesday, June 22, 2011.

Associated Press

good shots."

Also advancing was fourth-seeded Andy Murray, who beat Tobias Kamke of Germany 6-3, 6-3, 7-5. The 24-year-old British player never lost serve, saving the only break point he faced, as he again pursues his bid to become the first home-grown male champion here since Fred Perry in 1936. Three-time Wim-

bledon runner-up Andy Roddick played the final match on Centre Court, beating Victor Hanesco 6-4, 6-3, 6-4. The eighth-seeded American had 15 aces and only six unforced errors and faced only one break point. "I felt pretty good out there," Roddick said. "Served well, returned well. There was only a couple shots that I wish I had back there tonight."

In women's play, 2010 runner-up and No. 2-seeded Vera Zvonareva beat fellow Russian Elena Vesnina 6-1, 7-6 (5). The opening contest ended with Date-Krumm hitting a backhand passing shot just wide to lose

12 aces and 45 winners, one less than Date-Krumm. Williams had 24 unforced errors, while Date-Krumm had 31. "It was tough. She came out and I just couldn't seem to get a game," Williams said.

"She played so well and before I knew it the ball was past me every time in the first set." It was the first time the two players — who have a combined age of 71 — have met in their long careers.

"I thought she played unbelievable today," Williams said. "I thought she had some luck on her side, too, with net cords, balls hitting lines. I just thought today was a perfect storm for her to try to get a win. Thankfully, I had some answers."

Williams, who turned 31 last week and is playing in her 15th straight Wimbledon, was pushed to the limit. Date-Krumm kept her off balance by ripping back her serves, hitting flat groundstrokes

from corner to corner and sneaking into the net for drop volleys. The 57th-ranked

Date-Krumm made her Wimbledon debut in 1989,

reached the semifinals in 1996 and retired later that year until her return in 2008. "I played my tennis and (showed) I can fight with Venus also," Date-Krumm said. "She's a five-time champion here. She's a great player. So I can fight with her.

It was a very, very good match for me." With rain pounding on the translucent roof, Williams and Date-Krumm put on a fighting display of competitive tennis. The first set lasted 65 minutes, the third went 69 minutes. By comparison, Venus won her first match against Akgul Amanmuradova on Monday in 59 minutes. □

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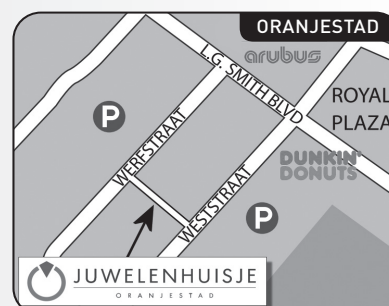
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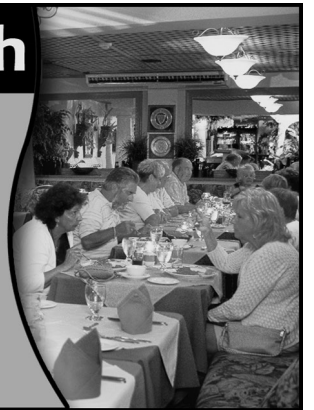
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WNBA Roundup

L.A. holds on to edge Liberty

LOS ANGELES (AP) — DeLisha Milton-Jones scored 27 points and had a key late steal to help the Los Angeles Sparks beat the New York Liberty 96-91 in the WNBA on Tuesday.

After a steal by Milton-Jones, Candace Parker's layup with 29 seconds left gave the Sparks a 94-91 lead. The Liberty had two chances to tie it but Nicole Powell missed a 3 and the Sidney Spencer's shot was blocked by Tina Thompson. Parker had 21 points and 13 rebounds to help the Sparks win their third straight.

The game was on the anniversary of the WNBA's inaugural contest in 1997 featuring the two teams.

Cappie Pondexter scored 22 points for New York, which has lost four straight.

Mercury 105, Silver Stars 98
In San Antonio, Penny Taylor scored 30 points to help Phoenix inflict San Antonio's first loss of the season. Candice Dupree had 20 points and 13 rebounds for the Mercury, who overcame an off night from the league's leading scorer Diana Taurasi, who shot 2 for 13 and finished with just seven points. Becky Hammon had 28 points — including five 3-pointers — and seven assists to lead the Silver Stars, who had won their opening four games but were without leading scorer Sophia Young (illness). Phoenix led by 17 with 4½ minutes to go before San Antonio pulled to 103-98 with under 21 seconds left.

Fever 89, Mystics 80

In Washington, reserve guard Shavonte Zellous scored a season-high 21 points as Indiana held off Washington.

Jessica Davenport and Briann January added 18 apiece to help the Fever (4-

3) salvage the final contest of a three-game road trip that saw them criss-cross the country from Seattle to Phoenix to Washington in five days. Zellous, who entered the game having scored just seven points the first six games, shot 7 for 9 from the field.

Crystal Langhorne scored 23 points for Washington, which lost its fourth straight. Leading by three at half-time, Indiana scored the first nine points of the second half and was up 14 after the break. The Mystics rallied but got no closer than three points.

Dream 71, Sky 68

In Atlanta, Angel McCoughtry scored 14 points

to head an even offense as Atlanta edged Chicago. Newcomer Courtney Paris had nine points and eight rebounds for the Dream (2-5), who won despite a third game without second-leading scorer and rebounder Sancho Lyttle, who is competing for Spain in an Olympic qualifying tournament. Paris was signed Saturday to fill the void and came off the bench to help Atlanta build a 43-31 halftime lead.

In other WNBA games it was Atlanta 71, Chicago 68; Indiana 89, Washington 80; Phoenix 105, San Antonio 98; Seattle 82, Tulsa 77; and Los Angeles 96, New York 91. □



Los Angeles Sparks forward Candace Parker (3) keeps the ball away from New York Liberty guard Cappie Pondexter (23) on a fast break during the second half of a WNBA basketball game in Los Angeles, Tuesday, June 21, 2011. The Sparks won 96-91.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Ilgauskas exercises player option

MIAMI (AP) — Heat's Lithuanian center Zydrunas Ilgauskas is exercising his \$1.4 million option with Miami for next season.

Ilgauskas started 51 games in the regular season for Miami, averaging 5.0 points, 4.0 rebounds and 15.9 minutes — all career lows. He appeared in Miami's first nine playoff games, starting eight of them, then didn't appear in the final 12 Heat postseason contests.

He was the No. 20 overall pick by the Cleveland Cavaliers in the 1996 draft, and after dealing with foot problems early in his career has logged at least 60 games in each of the last 10 seasons.

The Heat are still awaiting decisions from James Jones and Eddie House on their player options for 2011-12. □

Altidore to miss rest of Gold Cup

HOUSTON (AP) — U.S. forward Jozy Altidore will miss the rest of the Gold Cup due to a strained hamstring. Altidore, who has scored two of the Americans' six goals at the tournament, picked up the injury in the ninth minute of a 2-0 victory over Jamaica on Sunday and will be sidelined for four to six weeks.

The U.S. plays Panama in the first semifinal Wednesday night at Reliant Stadium. The final is Saturday at the Rose Bowl.

Altidore appeared to be regaining his form in front of goal after struggling to get playing time in Europe last season at Villarreal and on loan at Bursaspor.

He was the U.S. team's joint leading scorer at the Gold Cup, with Clint Dempsey also having scored twice. □

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Big city got you down? Stress study may show why

MALCOLM RITTER
AP Science Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — This may come as no surprise to residents of big cities: Living there can be bad for your mental health.

Now researchers have found a possible reason why. Imaging scans show that in city dwellers or people who grew up in urban areas, certain areas of the brain react more vigorously to stress. That may help explain how city life can boost the risks of schizophrenia and other mental disorders, researchers said. Previous research has found that growing up in a big city raises the risk of schizophrenia. And there's some evidence that city dwellers are at heightened risk for mood and anxiety disorders, although the evidence is mixed.

In any case, the volunteers scanned in the new study were healthy, and experts said that while the city-rural differences in brain activity were intriguing, the results fall short of establishing a firm tie to mental illness.

The study, done in Germany and published in Thursday's issue of the journal *Nature*, focused on how the brain reacts to stress caused by other people. To do that, investigators had volunteers lie in a brain scanner and solve math



In this Dec. 22, 2008 file photo, people walk to work on Wall Street in New York. It may come as no surprise to residents of big cities: Living there can be bad for your mental health.

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problems. The volunteers expected easy problems, but they were in fact hard enough that each volunteer ended up getting most

of them wrong. While in the scanner, volunteers heard a researcher criticize their poor performance, saying it was sur-

prisingly bad and disappointing, and telling the volunteers they might not be skilled enough to participate.

An initial study with 32 volunteers found city-urban differences in two brain areas. One was the amygdala, which reacts to threats in one's environment, and the other was circuitry that regulates the amygdala. Researchers found that volunteers from cities of more than 100,000 showed more activation of the amygdala than participants from towns of more than 10,000, and those in turn showed more activation than people from rural areas.

To assess any effect of where the volunteers grew up, the researchers assigned each an "urbanicity" score based on how many years they'd spent by age 15 in a city, town or rural area. The higher the score, the more urban their childhood life was, and the more activity showed up in the amygdala-regulating circuitry during the experiment.

A slightly different stress-producing test produced similar results with a different group of 23 volunteers. But when a third group of 37 adults did mental tasks without being criticized for poor performance, they

showed no urban-rural differences. That shows the effect comes from the criticism rather than just doing the mental task, the researchers said.

The study can't reveal why city life would boost the brain responses, but it could be because of the stress from dealing with other people, said Dr. Andreas Meyer-Lindenberg, director of the Central Institute of Mental Health in Mannheim, Germany, and senior author of the report. Animal studies suggest that early exposure to stress can cause lasting effects, he said.

Jens Pruessner, a study co-author from the Douglas Mental Health University Institute in Montreal, said the study illustrates a new avenue for understanding the risk factors for developing mental illness.

An expert in emotion and the brain who wasn't involved with the study, Elizabeth Phelps of New York University, said it's premature to draw conclusions about what the results mean for mental illness.

"These results are interesting but preliminary," she said. "This will raise a lot of interest in this idea. Whether or not it pans out in future research, who knows, but I think it's worth investigating." □

Potato chips are piling on the pounds, study finds

ALICIA CHANG
AP Science Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Blame the potato chip. It's the biggest demon behind that pound-a-year weight creep that plagues many of us, a major diet study found. Bigger than soda, candy and ice cream. And the reason is partly that old advertising cliché: You can't eat just one. "They're very tasty and they have a very good texture. People generally don't take one or two chips. They have a whole bag," said obesity expert Dr. F. Xavier Pi-Sunyer of the St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital Center in New York.

What we eat and how much of it we consume has

far more impact than exercise and most other habits do on long-term weight gain, according to the study by Harvard University scientists. It's the most comprehensive look yet at the effect of individual foods and lifestyle choices like sleep time and quitting smoking. The results are in Thursday's *New England Journal of Medicine*.

Weight problems are epidemic. Two-thirds of American adults are overweight or obese. Childhood obesity has tripled in the past three decades. Pounds often are packed on gradually over decades, and many people struggle to limit weight gain without re-



Bags of potato chips are displayed at a market in Glendale, Calif., Tuesday, June 21, 2011.

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alizing what's causing it. The new study finds food choices are key. The mes-

sage: Eat more fruits, vegetables, whole grains and nuts. Cut back on potatoes,

red meat, sweets and soda. "There is no magic bullet for weight control," said one study leader, Dr. Frank Hu. "Diet and exercise are important for preventing weight gain, but diet clearly plays a bigger role."

Doctors analyzed changes in diet and lifestyle habits of 120,877 people from three long-running medical studies. All were health professionals and not obese at the start. Their weight was measured every four years for up to two decades, and they detailed their diet on questionnaires.

On average, participants gained nearly 17 pounds (8 kilograms) over the 20-year period. □

U.S. state turns to Google for computing services

MEAD GRUVER

Associated Press

CHEYENNE, Wyoming (AP)

— Wyoming has become the first U.S. state to begin using a suite of cloud computing tools from Google for its entire executive branch of government, allowing data and applications to be stored on remote servers and accessed over the Internet.

New technologies enabled by Google Apps for Government include desk-to-desk video conferenc-

ing and live online collaboration while creating documents.

The system, which went online in Wyoming on Monday, was formally unveiled Wednesday as Gov. Matt Mead cut a red data cable with scissors.

"Wyoming likes to be first and that's a great message for us. This is kind of an early round in this technology and for a company like Google, we need the right partners to work with," said Dave Girouard, president of enterprise for Google, who flew to Cheyenne for the event.

Wyoming expects to save at least \$1 million a year because it won't need to maintain some servers and will rely instead on secure remote servers operated by Google. The state also won't need to bother with figuring out how to update platforms, which Google handles.

Meanwhile, all state agencies will share a uniform email system containing an employee directory for the first time.

Several cities including Los Angeles have begun using Google Apps for Government over the past year



David Girouard, Google president for enterprise, left, shakes hands with Wyoming Gov. Matt Mead during a news conference announcing Wyoming's move to Google Apps for Government on Wednesday, June 22, 2011, at the Wyoming State Capitol in Cheyenne, Wyo.

Associated Press

Yahoo, Alibaba say remain in "constructive" talks

SUNNYVALE, California (AP)

— Yahoo Inc., Japan's Softbank Corp. and Chinese Internet company Alibaba Group say they remain in "constructive" talks and have made "encouraging progress" toward compensating the two Alibaba shareholders for the loss of Web payment service Alipay.

The companies said late Tuesday that they will not comment further until "appropriate to do so."

Last month Yahoo jarred investors by informing them of an abrupt change affecting the value of its 43 percent stake in Alibaba, one of the leaders in China's rapidly growing Internet market. Alibaba had spun off Alipay in March into a separate company controlled by its CEO, Jack Ma, without giving Yahoo anything in return.

Launched in 2004, Alipay says it is China's biggest third-party online payment platform with more than 550 million registered users as of December. Yahoo has said the Alipay spin-off was necessary to ensure that Chinese regulators licensed the service, which wouldn't have happened if the company wasn't solely held by Chinese owners. Yahoo CEO Carol Bartz has said all key shareholders, including Ma and Softbank, have committed to negotiating a fair payment for the Alipay spinoff and preserving the value of another Alibaba asset, online auction site Taobao. □

or so. Federal agencies including the General Services Administration and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration likewise have chosen Google over government services available through competitor Microsoft.

Wyoming doesn't have a reputation as a high-tech state but that could

change. This month Mead plugged a \$70 million National Center for Atmospheric Research supercomputing facility near Cheyenne as a project sure to draw more tech business after it becomes operational next year.

Google Apps for Government will enable the state to save through government

efficiency that's difficult to quantify, said Flint Waters, the state's chief technology officer.

"In man-hours saved, I'm sure that \$1 million is very, very conservative," he said. Wyoming has allocated \$5 million for the switch but Waters said he expects the state to come in under budget. □



Models showcase the newly-launched Sony Ericsson Xperia Ray phone on Wednesday June 22, 2011 in Singapore.

Associated Press

ALEX KENNEDY

Associated Press

SINGAPORE (AP)

— Mobile phone maker Sony Ericsson unveiled two new Android models Wednesday in a bid to grab more of the burgeoning smartphone market.

The company, a joint venture between L.M. Ericsson and Sony Corp., plans to launch the Xperia ray and Xperia active models during the third quarter, Chief Marketing Officer Steve Walker announced in Singapore.

The new models should help the company expand its 11 percent market share of the Android segment, Walker said.

"Android smartphones is a rapidly growing part of the market, and we see our share within that market growing," Walker told The Associated Press.

London-based Sony Ericsson, which saw its phone unit sales drop 23 percent in the first quarter from a year ear-

Sony Ericsson eyes Android market with new phones

lier, is moving away from cheaper phone models and seeking to take on Apple Inc.'s iPhone, Research in Motion's BlackBerry and Nokia Corp.'s N9 in the higher-priced smartphone market.

By 2015, about 60 percent of mobile phones sold in the Asia-Pacific region will likely be smartphones, up from 20 percent in 2010, Walker said.

"We made quite a fundamental shift in strategy and decided to focus a large part of our efforts into smartphones, to focus on the mid- and high-end part of the business," Walker said.

"In many markets, we see a dramatic shift from feature phones to smartphones."

The company said in April that smartphones accounted for more than 60 percent of its sales during the first quarter. Sony Ericsson's latest models that run on Google Inc.'s Android platform, the Xperia ray and active, will likely be priced below the high-end Xperia arc, Walker said.

Xperia active is water resistant and works if fingers are wet or sweaty, while the Xperia ray seeks to combine a sleek design with a device that is 9.4 millimeters thick (about 1/3 inch-thick).

Sony Ericsson also plans to introduce a less expensive model that highlights texting service and is aimed at teenagers, Walker said. □

Fed acknowledges economy is growing more slowly

MARTIN CRUTSINGER

AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Reserve acknowledged Wednesday that the U.S. economy is growing more slowly than it expected. But it said it will complete its \$600 billion Treasury bond buying program by June 30 as planned and announced no further efforts to boost the economy.

Ending a two-day meeting, the Fed repeated a pledge to keep interest rates at record lows near zero for "an extended period," a promise it's made for more than two years.

Fed officials said in a statement that they think the main causes of the economy's slowdown, such as high gas prices and supply disruptions from Japan's disasters, are temporary. Once those problems subside, Fed officials said the economy should rebound.

But at a news conference



Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke's news conference is seen on a television screen on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange Wednesday, June 22, 2011. Bernanke said some of the problems that are slowing the U.S. economy could persist into next year.

Associated Press

BUSINESS BRIEFS

H&H bagel store from 'Seinfeld' to close

NEW YORK (AP) — A New York City bagel store that's been featured on TV shows such as "Seinfeld" and "Friends" is shutting its doors.

The H&H Bagels store on Manhattan's Upper West Side has been a city institution since 1972. But The Wall Street Journal reports the store's awning advertising bagels "like no other bagel in the world" was removed Tuesday.

An H&H employee who answered the phone Wednesday said the store would close for good Monday but didn't say why.

There's another H&H location where the bagels are baked on Manhattan's West Side, near the Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum. It will remain open.

H&H owner Helmer Toro faced state tax charges in 2009. He pleaded guilty to grand larceny and was sentenced to spend 50 weekends in jail and pay more than \$500,000 in restitution. □

Prius supply to improve during summer

DETROIT (AP) — Toyota says dealers will see increased supplies of the hot-selling Prius hybrid later this summer. A company statement issued Wednesday says U.S. dealers will get 75,000 more Priuses by the end of the year. But the announcement was later withdrawn and a Toyota spokesman says the company can't confirm how many of the hybrids will reach the U.S. by the end of the year. The Prius is built only in Japan.

Toyota says the statement was issued in error by a news release distribution company.

Priuses have been scarce due to a parts shortage caused by the March 11 earthquake and tsunami in Japan. But demand has been high since U.S. gasoline prices neared \$4 per gallon.

The company also plans to roll out a Prius wagon in October. □

after the statement was released, Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke acknowledged that some of the problems slowing the economy could persist into next year.

"Maybe some of the headwinds that are concerning us, like weakness in the financial sector, problems in the housing sector ... some of these headwinds may be stronger and more persistent than we thought," Bernanke said. He was responding to a question about whether more permanent factors had led to the dimmer outlook.

Stocks, which had been mixed most of the day, began to slide around 2:30 p.m. That was when Bernanke acknowledged that some of the problems affecting the economy may go beyond temporary factors. The Dow Jones industrial average closed down 80 points for the day. All of losses occurred in the final 90 minutes of trading.

The Fed also offered its latest forecast for the economy Wednesday. It predicts the economy will grow between 2.7 percent and 2.9 percent this year. That's down from its April estimate of between 3.1 percent and 3.3 percent.

Growth at the rate the

Fed is projecting won't be enough to significantly lower unemployment, now at 9.1 percent. The Fed estimates that unemployment will still be around 8.6 percent to 8.9 percent by the end of the year.

Unemployment near 9 percent — less than a year before the 2012 election — would dampen President Barack Obama's re-election hopes.

An Associated Press-GfK poll released Wednesday said nearly 60 percent of Americans disapproved of his handling of the economy in general and unemployment in particular. It's the worst such reading for Obama since he took office.

The Fed's statement and updated forecasts stood in contrast to its more upbeat view when officials last met eight weeks ago. At that time, the central bank said the job market was gradually improving.

The new statement acknowledged the slowdown that's occurred over the past two months. The economy added just 54,000 jobs in May, far fewer than in the previous two months. Consumer spending has weakened, too.

The Fed said it would keep its holdings of Treasury

bonds at current levels. That policy is intended to keep consumer and business loan rates at low levels to stimulate spending.

Though the central bank noted that inflation has risen, it expects those pressures to be temporary as well.

Bernanke and his colleagues are trying to keep a fragile economy on track two years after the Great Recession officially ended. A spike in gasoline prices earlier this year made consumers and businesses more cautious about spending.

Consumer spending drives about 70 percent of the economy.

The economy grew at an annual rate of only 1.8 percent in the first three months of the year. It isn't expected to be much higher in the current quarter.

Beyond high gas prices and supply disruptions caused by the earthquake and tsunami in Japan, the Fed is now facing a new problem: renewed jitters that a debt crisis in Greece could spread to other heavily indebted European nations and send shockwaves through global financial markets.

The Fed has kept rates at ultra-low levels since December 2008. Once the Fed decides to abandon the "extended period" language, it would be viewed as a signal that it is getting ready to reverse course and start boosting interest rates. Many private economists think it will be another full year before the economy has recovered enough for the Fed to actually start raising interest rates.

The Fed is also winding down its Treasury bond-buying program. Supporters say the bond purchases have worked, in part by keeping rates low and encouraging spending. Low long-term rates are vital for consumers buying homes and cars and for companies making investments.

They also argue that those lower rates fueled a stock rally. When Bernanke outlined plans for the bond-buying program in late August, the Standard & Poor's 500 index was down 6 percent for the year. □

Hedge funds come under new gov't oversight

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AP Business Writer
WASHINGTON (AP)

— Hedge funds will face closer scrutiny under rules approved Wednesday that seek to protect investors from excessive risks and prevent another financial crisis.

The rules were mandated under the financial overhaul law passed last year. They require hedge funds and private equity funds to open their books to periodic inspections by the Securities and Exchange Commission.

They also force the funds to disclose information about their operations, finances and investors.

Hedge funds are lightly regulated investment pools that collect money from pension funds, endowments and wealthy individuals.

They use complex trades to seek big returns. Private equity funds focus on buying and reselling companies.

The SEC adopted the rules at its meeting on Wednesday. The funds will be required to register by March 30, 2012.

Groups representing hedge funds and private equity funds have expressed support for the registration requirement. Many hedge funds have already registered voluntarily, according to industry groups. Until now, hedge funds have been able to avoid registering with the SEC because of an exemption for investment groups that have fewer than 15 clients. Nearly all hedge funds qualify for the exemption because they are a collection of funds that count each individual fund as one client. In reality, a large hedge fund could have hundreds of individual investors. □

FedEx 4Q net income rises 33 percent

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AP Business Writer
NEW YORK (AP) — FedEx Corp. says the global economy will continue to see moderate growth as fuel and other costs subside.

The world's second-largest package delivery company said Wednesday it overcame lofty diesel and jet fuel bills to post a 33 percent increase in earnings for its fiscal fourth quarter. FedEx benefited from stronger demand and levied higher fuel surcharges on its customers.

"FedEx is well positioned to deliver strong earnings growth in fiscal 2012," said Chairman Frederick W. Smith in a prepared statement, citing momentum from the fourth quarter, moderate economic growth and "subsiding cost headwinds."

The Memphis, Tennessee company is considered a bellwether of global economic health among analysts and economists because it ships a wide variety of goods. Its business reflects the ups and downs of business and consumer spending. In the fourth quarter, FedEx earned \$558 million, or \$1.75 per share. That compares with \$419



The FedEx logo is seen on the side of a delivery van, Tuesday, June 21 2011, in Springfield, Ill. FedEx Corp. said Wednesday, June 22, quarterly earnings rose 33 percent as higher surcharges helped offset the rising cost of fuel.

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million, or \$1.33 per share, in the same period last year. Revenue increased 12 percent to \$10.55 billion. Analysts had expected earnings of \$1.73 per share on revenue of \$10.4 billion, according to FactSet. For the full year, FedEx earned \$1.45 billion, or \$4.57 per share, compared with \$1.18 billion, or \$3.76 per share, for fiscal 2010. Annual revenue grew 13 percent to \$39.3 billion. The company said it expects to earn between

\$1.40 and \$1.60 per share in the first quarter and between \$6.35 and \$6.85 per share in its 2012 fiscal year. Wall Street was looking for quarterly earnings of \$1.42 per share and annual earnings of \$6.42 per share. FedEx plans to plow another \$4.2 billion into its operations in 2012. Capital spending will go towards new aircraft as well as investments in company facilities, vehicles and technological support services.

FedEx said higher fuel sur-

charges helped increase revenue and offset higher diesel and jet fuel costs in the three months ended May 31. FedEx Express increased revenue 13 percent, FedEx Ground boosted revenue 15 percent and FedEx Freight increased revenue 6 percent compared with the same quarter last year and returned to profitability. Shares increased \$1.99, more than 2 percent, to \$91.12 in premarket trading. □

Oil retreats after Bernanke comments

NEW YORK (AP) — Oil prices settled higher Wednesday after the Federal Reserve said that U.S. economic growth has slowed but should pick up again soon. But they retreated in after-market trading as Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke said some of the economy's more serious problems could last into next year. Benchmark oil for August delivery gained \$1.24 to settle at \$95.41 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. By late afternoon, after Bernanke spoke at a news conference, the price had fallen to \$94.45 a barrel in electronic trading.

After a two-day meeting, Fed officials said in a statement that some reasons for the economy's slowdown, such as high gas prices and supply disruptions from Japan's natural disaster,

are temporary. And once those problems subside, the economy should rebound. Bernanke added though that some problems would be drags on the economy into 2012. "Maybe some of the headwinds that are concerning us, like weakness in the financial sector, problems in the housing sector ... some of these headwinds may be stronger and more persistent than we thought," Bernanke said.

His outlook for lingering problems in the economy pushed stocks down along with oil. The Dow Jones Industrial Average finished about 80 points lower. The S&P 500 and the Nasdaq were lower as well.

In addition the Fed said it will complete its \$600 billion Treasury bond buying program by June 30 as

planned and said nothing about further efforts to boost the economy. Signs of slower economic growth have left traders nervous about how oil demand could be affected in the months ahead.

U.S. gas pump prices have fallen in recent weeks but are still nearly 90 cents per gallon higher on average than a year ago. Many consumers and businesses are more careful about spending, since fuel is taking a bigger share of household income.

AAA on Wednesday predicted a 2.5 percent drop in July Fourth weekend travel, largely because of high fuel prices. The auto club estimated 39 million Americans will travel more than 50 miles (80 kilometers) from home during the long holiday.



Gas Station manager Joseph Sublett changes a sign reflecting lower prices in Little Rock, Ark., Wednesday, June 22, 2011.

Associated Press

Expectations of a slower summer travel season have been reflected in oil, which has traded between about \$102 and \$93 a barrel for most of the month, said Michael Lynch, president of Strategic Energy & Economic Research. □

Back on the market:

New Clooney film to open Venice Festival



George Clooney holds hands with Elisabetta Canalis. Clooney's highly anticipated new movie about a U.S. presidential campaign will open this year's Venice Film Festival, organizers said Wednesday, but the news is likely to be overshadowed by the news that Clooney and his Italian girlfriend have split up.

(AP Photo/Luca Bruno)

VENICE, Italy (AP)—George Clooney's highly anticipated new movie about a U.S. presidential campaign will open this year's Venice

Film Festival, organizers said Wednesday.

Clooney's movie "The Ides of March" will be competing for the coveted Golden

Lion award. The film will have its world premiere screening on Aug. 31, following the festival's opening ceremony.

But the American actor's latest directorial effort was likely to be overshadowed Wednesday by the news that Clooney and his Italian girlfriend had split up.

"We are not together anymore," according to a joint statement by Clooney and Elisabetta Canalis. "It's very difficult and very personal and we hope everyone can respect our privacy." The relationship between Clooney, one of Hollywood's most eligible bachelors, and the actress had been the fodder of gossip magazines since the couple were photographed riding a motorbike near Lake Como in the summer of 2009. □

B'wood news:

Tweet says Aishwarya's pregnant

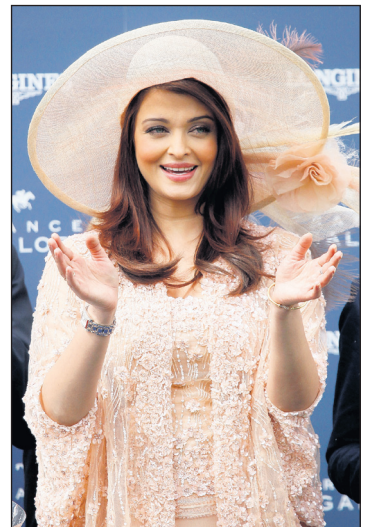
MUMBAI, India (AP) — Bollywood is abuzz with the bombshell news of screen darling Aishwarya Rai Bachchan expecting a child, thanks to a gleeful tweet from her megastar father-in-law.

The 37-year-old L'Oréal spokeswoman and her husband, actor Abhishek Bachchan, have kept mum since the news was announced late Tuesday by 68-year-old Amitabh Bachchan on Twitter.

The elder Bachchan tweeted "And so to becoming a Dada!" — meaning grandfather — "The doctors just confirmed it this evening, and I have shared it immediately."

The news triggered a wave of congratulatory tweets from other stars.

There has been speculation in recent weeks after news-



Indian Actress Aishwarya Rai reacts during the Prix de Diane horse race, in Chantilly, West of Paris.

(AP Photo/Francois Mori)

papers published photos showing a more full-figured Rai Bachchan, who starred in "Bride and Prejudice" and dozens of Bollywood films. □

For a week, Jerusalem's Old City lightens up

TARA WHITEHILL
Associated Press

JERUSALEM (AP) — When night falls on the Old City of Jerusalem this week, the walled enclave sheds its role as one of the world's most contested pieces of real estate to become a luminous carnival of art installations and performances.

Jerusalem's Festival of Lights, now in its third year, illuminates an area known more for religious friction and clashing political claims than for art or nightlife. Most nights, the Old City's stone alleyways are dimly lit, peopled mainly by small numbers of tourists, Palestinian merchants and children, and ultra-Orthodox Jews headed to or from religious studies or prayers.

But for seven nights, until June 22, a shining 10-foot-tall (3-meter-tall) puppet named Meir — Hebrew for "the illuminator" — entertains visitors with antics like trying to scale the wall of the moat at the Tower of David, used by conquerors across the millennia as a fortress, barracks and gun emplacement.

Dozens of neon bars hanging from a 36-foot-high (11-meter-high) willow tree made of wire, and great dandelions of wire and light, light up the walls at Jaffa Gate, the portal of sand-colored hewn stone blocks that is one of the eight gates in the Old City walls. Magical creatures are projected on to the newly renovated facade of another entrance, Damascus Gate.

Alice Honig, 25, from Ontario, Canada, said the lights of the festival have allowed her to see

things that ordinarily would have escaped her notice.

"During the day it's so hot and noisy you miss small things, because you wouldn't stop and look," she said. "It opens people's eyes to things that you would walk by otherwise."



A man looks at a light installation, during the third annual Festival of Light in Jerusalem's Old City.

(AP Photo/Sebastian Scheiner)

In what some might interpret as a commentary on Jerusalem, one performance has acrobats suspended on the Old City walls enacting a war between two ancient civilizations to control light.

It's not clear who represents light and who represents darkness: That's left for the viewer to decide.

The festival is an outgrowth of Mayor Nir Barkat's

aim to turn the city into a world-class tourist destination, while portraying Jerusalem — holy to three religions and fiercely contested by Palestinians and Israelis — as an ordinary municipality with garbage strikes, movie theaters, zoning issues and street festivals.

But the Old City resists that mundane vision. Distrust, violence and conflicting claims of sovereignty over the eastern sector of Jerusalem, where the walled city lies, make it one of the hotspots of the Mideast conflict. The Old City is home to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, one of the holiest sites in Christianity, as well as to the sensitive compound known to Jews as the Temple Mount and to Muslims as the Noble Sanctuary.

The festival's artistic director and founder, Eduardo Hubscher, an Argentine-born Israeli, says the festival tries to steer clear of political messages. He calls it a collaborative effort by Christians, Jews and Muslims, mounted in parts of the Old City revered by all three religions.

The festival's overarching aim is to bring people to old

Jerusalem after hours, and to create a new venue for tourism, Hubscher said.

"It's safe at night and it's a different place — there is a romantic part here," he said.

Allan Gale, 59, a visitor from Detroit, agreed.

"This is a great idea because it brings people to the Old City at night. Instead of avoiding it because of fear, you are attracted to it to enjoy the art," he said. □

Lohan due in court Thursday



Life & Style

In this publicity image taken by Lisa Rose for Life & Style magazine, actress Lindsay Lohan is shown in her Venice Beach, Calif., home in the latest issue of "Life & Style," available on newsstands on Friday, June 24. Lohan says that since being confined to her 3,000-square-foot home in Venice Beach, Calif., she's caught up on movies and TV shows, stayed out of the public eye and, most important, had time to finish decorating her house and patio.

(AP Photo/ Lisa Rose for Life & Style)

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Los Angeles prosecutors say Lindsay Lohan will return to court Thursday so a judge can consider whether she violated her probation while serving house arrest. District Attorney's spokeswoman Sandi Gibbons says Lohan's case is expected to be called at 10 a.m. (1700 GMT), but no other details were available. She says her office has not received any documents laying out the specific allegations against

the 24-year-old actress. Her spokesman Steve Honig says he could not comment on the hearing. Lohan has been on house arrest since last month. She had been expected to serve 35 days of a four-month sentence for violating her probation on a 2007 drunken driving case by taking a necklace from a store without permission. Lohan resolved the theft case with a no contest plea in May. □

Tobey Maguire, others sued over poker winnings




ANTHONY McCARTNEY
AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "Spider-Man" star Tobey Maguire and other celebrities have been caught in a web of lawsuits seeking to reclaim more than \$4 million won during unlicensed poker matches at upscale Beverly Hills hotels, court records show. The lawsuits were filed by a bankruptcy trustee attempting to recoup money for investors who were duped in a Ponzi scheme.

The legal actions claim the clandestine Texas Hold 'em matches were played between 2006 and 2009, and that card players won hundreds of thousands of


dollars from Bradley Ruderman, architect of the Ponzi scheme. Maguire is being sued for \$311,000 plus interest. In all, 22 people have been individually sued to try to recoup money. Among them was Nick Cassavetes, director of "The Notebook." The trustee is attempting to recover nearly \$73,000 plus interest from the actor-director. His attorney, Ronald Richards, said Cassavetes engaged in no wrongdoing and may try to settle the case for a reduced amount or fight it on the basis that the money cannot be reclaimed.

The lawsuit cites only one 2007 game in which Cassavetes was involved. □

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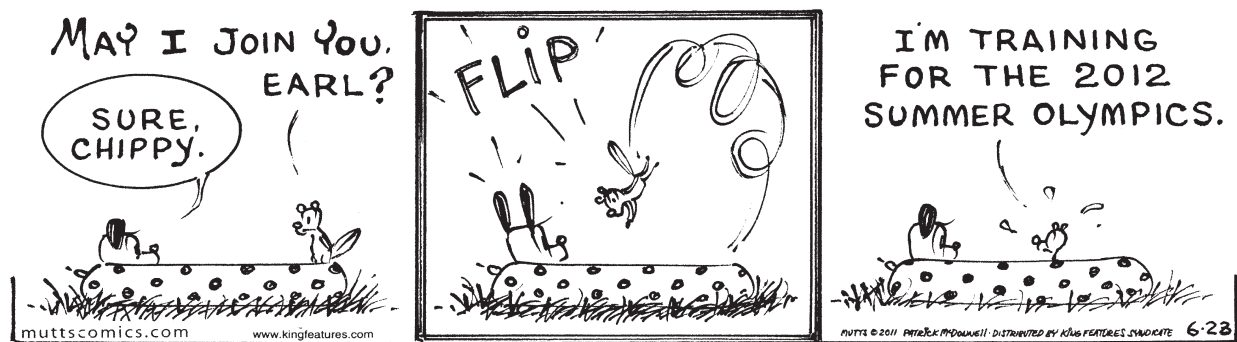


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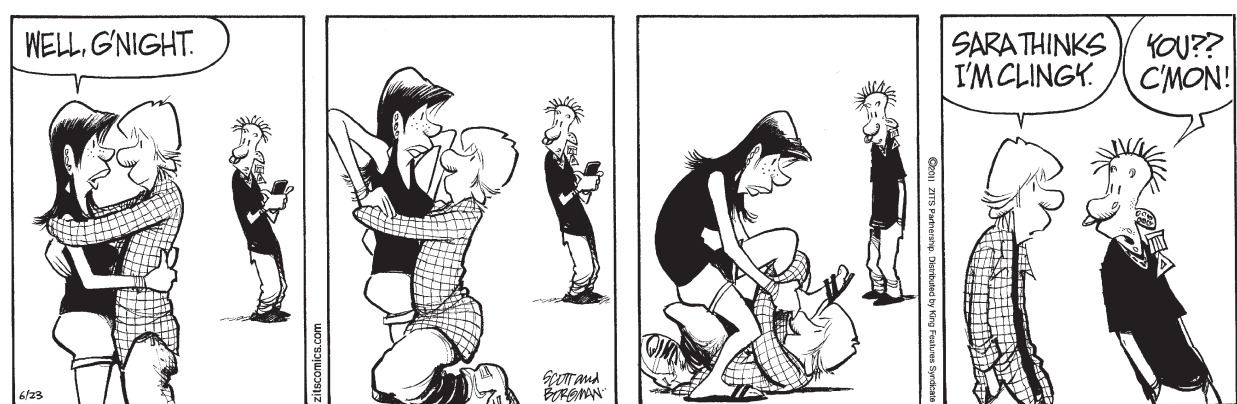
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Difficulty Level ★★★

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

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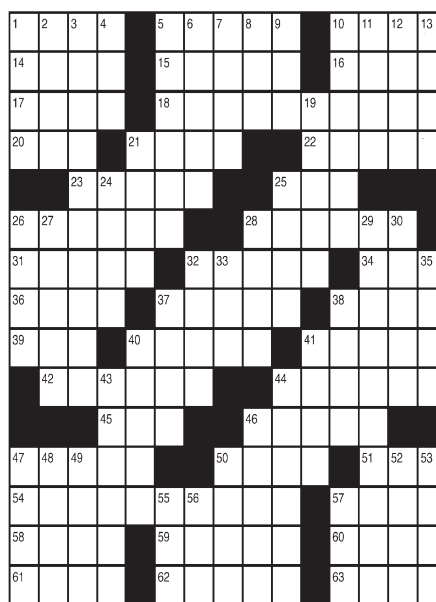
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ACROSS

- Chimed
- Hovel
- Allot; distribute
- Do as told
- Capital of Vietnam
- Heartburn's cause
- Poor neighborhood
- Amazed
- Up until now
- Linkletter and Carney
- Tale
- Boisterous
- Edison's initials
- Elevator alternative
- Carrier
- Mountainous
- Purplish color
- Evergreen tree or shrub
- Part of the eye
- Food chopper
- Mr. Strauss
- Badminton court divider
- Having a "been there, done that" attitude
- Rich and powerful man
- Energetic one
- Formed a spiral
- Female sheep
- Reed or Mills
- Magazine edition
- Yellowish wood
- Hot tub
- Office meeting spaces
- Drug addict
- "Othello" villain
- Bar of gold
- Appear
- Reach across
- Signifies
- Inquires
- Promising
- Competent
- Refusal to take sides
- Workout place
- Pottery fragments
- Impulsive
- Has ___ in one's pants; is edgy
- Pigeon's sound
- Relatives
- Learn well
- Resound
- Wedding cake layer
- Singer & actor Nelson ___
- Sir ___ Newton
- Crooked
- Applies WD-40
- Rip
- Part of the leg
- Worn-out
- Lost vital fluid
- Bifocals or trifocals
- Musical variety show
- Resort beach in Venice
- Cold cubes
- Hard to control

DOWN

- Cleansing bar
- Heroic legend
- Roman robe
- Brief look
- Weapons
- Margin
- Dollar bill
- Fifty-state nation: abbr.



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Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

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Today In History

Today is Thursday, June 23, the 174th day of 2011. There are 191 days left in the year. Highlights in history on this date:

1963 - Luxembourg becomes an independent principality when Siegfried, Count of Ardennes, exchanges his lands for a small but strategically placed Roman castle along the Alzette River.

1532 - England's King Henry VIII and France's King Francis I sign secret alliance against Holy Roman Emperor Charles V.

1757 - British under Robert Clive defeat forces of the nawab of Bengal at Plassey, leaving British masters in Bengal.

1760 - Austrians defeat Prussians guarding passes into Silesia at Landshut, Bavaria.

1797 - Peasant "Army of the Holy Faith" enters Naples, ending the republic installed by the French and paving the way for the return of the Bourbon king.

1848 - "June Days" civil war begins when workers fired by the government put up barricades in Paris. They are brutally put down by the army three days later.

1934 - Saudi Arabia and defeated Yemen sign peace treaty after seven-week border war.

1952 - U.S. Air Force bombs hydroelectric plants in North Korea.

1956 - Colonel Gamal Abdel Nasser is elected president of Egypt.

1970 - Japanese students clash with police in Tokyo in huge demonstration against continuing U.S.-Japan security pact.

1980 - Sanjay Gandhi, son of Indian prime minister Indira Gandhi and her "heir apparent," dies when his aerobatics plane crashes.

1985 - All 329 people aboard an Air-India Boeing 747 die as it crashes into the Atlantic Ocean on a flight from Toronto to Bombay. Sikh separatists are accused of planting a bomb.

1992 - With a peace platform, the Labor Party defeats ruling right-wing Likud Party in Israeli elections.

1993 - Nigeria's military dictator, Gen. Ibrahim Baban-

gida, voids results of presidential elections and halts a return to democracy.

1994 - Some 2,500 French troops head into Rwanda to protect civilians, the first outside forces sent there since U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali appealed for international involvement to stop the genocide.

1995 - Chechen and Russian negotiators agree to extend a cease-fire in the secessionist southern republic, despite violations on both sides.

1997 - In the Central African Republic, soldiers fire on foreign peacekeepers in the third major rebellion since May 1996. The army objects to the 1993 election of President Ange-Felix Patasse and eventually deposes him in 2003.

1998 - The first large-scale test of an AIDS vaccine begins in Philadelphia, United States, when the first of 5,000 volunteers get injections.

1999 - The European Union says it will fund efforts to undermine Slobodan Milosevic's rule in Yugoslavia.

2001 - Peru's fugitive ex-spy Vladimiro Lenin Montesinos, wanted on human rights and corruption charges, is captured in Caracas, Venezuela.

2002 - China allows 26 North Korean migrants who had sought asylum in foreign diplomatic compounds in Beijing to leave the country for South Korea.

2003 - The U.S. Supreme Court upholds the use of race as one of many factors in University of Michigan's admissions, but rejects a "points-based method" of racial preferences that fails to examine each student application on an individual level.

2004 - Facing global opposition fueled by the Iraqi prisoner abuse scandal, the United States drops a contentious U.N. resolution that sought to renew an exemption shielding American

troops from international prosecution for war crimes.

2005 - Rights groups show a smuggled video of hun-



Today is Randy Jackson's birthday

dreds of thousands of poor Zimbabweans living in the open in the winter cold after the government tore down their homes in what it described as an urban renewal project.

2006 - The World Health Organization details the first evidence that a person likely caught the bird flu virus from a human, then passed a slightly mutated version to another person. But experts say the genetic change does not increase the threat of a pandemic.

2007 - A Yemeni guard opens fire on a group of foreign oil workers shortly after they land at Occidental Petroleum Corp.'s airstrip, killing one and wounding five.

2008 - A Pakistani court rules that former Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif is not eligible to run in upcoming parliamentary elections because he had been convicted of a crime.

2009 - President Barack Obama condemns the violence against protesters in Iran and lends his strongest support yet to their accusations that a victory by hardliners in a presidential election is a fraud.

2010 - President Barack Obama sacks his loose-lipped Afghanistan commander, a seismic shift for

the military order in wartime, and chooses the familiar, admired — and tightly disciplined — Gen. David Petraeus to replace him.

Today's Birthdays:

Josephine, French empress and wife of Napoleon Bonaparte (1763-1814); Edward VIII, King of England (1894-1972); Anna Akhmatova (pseudonym of Anna Andreyevna Gorenko), Russian poet (**1889-1966**); James Edward Meade, English economist (1907-1995); Alan Turing, British mathematician and computer pioneer (1912-1954); Bob Fosse, U.S. dancer/choreographer (1927-1987); Randy Jackson, talent judge on "American Idol" (1956--). □

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Feeling at home amidst the nature of India

Amana Khan

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NANDGAON, India – Kawal Singh Ahluwalia, a spiritual man who practices yoga daily, built his house overlooking the Arabian Sea more than 20 years ago. But recently, Ahluwalia, known as Titoo, has found his center of gravity shifting from Mumbai, where he keeps an apartment and runs an organic food company called Conscious Food, to this sleepy village about three hours from the city. "It offers me an almost sacred silence," he said. "This place is a sanctuary for the soul."

Three years ago, he decided his badminton court had to go to make room for guest cottages so his daughter, Maithili, now 33, and son, Ashim, now 39, could spend more time with him here. "It was too windy to play anyway," he said, referring to the persistent sea breeze.

Ahluwalia, 64, who is divorced from his wife, Jamini, a jewelry designer, built the two-story house as a weekend home in 1990 for \$65,000 (he paid \$8,800 for the 13-acre property).

But he began spending more time here after he retired early from his job as chairman of the marketing research firm A.C. Nielsen in South Asia, in 2004, and bought Conscious Food. Although the 3,400-square-foot house is on a stretch of coast known as the Hamptons of Mumbai, because of its lavish second homes, to him it represents a long-standing desire to commune with nature, he said. That is reflected in the home's design, which embraces its tropical setting. Built on a slope, the home is reached by brick stairs descending from an 1,100-square-foot open veranda with a bamboo roof, an outdoor room that was once a parking area and is now the heart of the home. At one end of the space is a Moroccan-style lounge with colorful rugs and cushions; in the center is a breakfast area and, on the other end, an antique mahogany desk where Ahlu-



A yard overlooking the Arabian Sea at the home of Kawal Singh Ahluwalia near Mumbai, India on May 7, 2011.

(Nishant Shukla/The New York Times)



Kawal Singh Ahluwalia, left, with his daughter, Maithili, at his home near Mumbai, India on May 5, 2011. Ahluwalia built guest cottages so his daughter and son could spend more time at his home in what is known as the Hamptons of Mumbai.

(Nishant Shukla/The New York Times)

walia likes to work. He was determined to embrace nature inside the house as

well. The living and dining areas have an unobstructed view of the Phansad

Wildlife Sanctuary, where leopards, barking deer and wild boar roam. A centu-

ry-old cast-iron staircase, found at the Thieves Market, an antiques bazaar in Mumbai, leads down to two bedrooms, one of which is Ahluwalia's study in the rainy season, and an adjoining bathroom with a giant boulder jutting into it. (The architect, Nozer Wadia, wanted to demolish the rock, but Ahluwalia objected.)

The cottages were designed in collaboration with Isla Van Damme, a family friend who is a consultant for Bungalow 8, the fashion and home furnishings store that Ahluwalia's daughter owns in Mumbai. They were inspired by the work of Geoffrey Bawa, the Sri Lankan architect known for his modernist aesthetic and use of indigenous materials, and built by Suresh Gund, the housekeeper, with the help of local farmers trained in traditional building methods, for \$12,000.

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Air shafts and slatted doors create cross-ventilation, in lieu of air-conditioning, and most building materials were obtained nearby, to reduce the cost of transporting them. Gund made the desk in Maithili Ahluwalia's cottage out of slate and wood from fallen trees, but other pieces are from her store, which sells reconstructed vintage furniture. One example is the bed, which has a teak headboard found at a flea market in Mumbai. (Sting, a family friend, slept in it when he visited last year, Ahluwalia said.) To express his gratitude for being able to live surrounded by nature, Ahluwalia said he offers a daily prayer to the sun exactly at sunset: "It's my way of saying 'Thank you.'" □



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